

Graduate student murdered

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On Wednesday, March 9, 2005, Natasha Bacchus, a student in Loyola College's Psy.D. program and recipient of a 2004 M.S. in psychology was murdered in Columbia's Centennial Park, according to Howard County Police. Bacchus was 31 years old.

Police arrested and charged 25-year-old Psy.D. classmate and Columbia, Md. native, Melissa Harton, with second-degree murder and first- and second-degree assault.

Police believe that Harton strangled Bacchus and left her body in front of a community center in Columbia's Dorsey's Search village, according to an article in the March 10, 2005 issue of *The Sun*.

"The college community is grieving over this tragic incident, and our thoughts and prayers are

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Agreement reached with neighborhoods

By TERRY FOY
SPORTS EDITOR

After more than two years of planning and negotiations, Loyola College and the 13 communities of the North Baltimore Neighborhood Coalition (NBNC) came to terms on a new 10-year agreement to replace the existing agreement, which expires on April 13, 2005.

The third version of an effort that strives to maintain a healthy relationship between the college and local neighborhoods, the agreement outlines issues like campus growth and student

SGA elections promise few surprises

By MARY BETH ELLIS
STAFF WRITER

With SGA elections beginning today, students will cast ballots for the Student Government president and vice president as well as for class presidents, but two of the four races have candidates running unopposed.

Facing no opposition, current juniors John McNamara and Suzy Pacia will be next year's SGA president and vice president, respectively.

"I've been a member of the SGA since my freshman year, so I've gotten a good sense of what we have offered in the past. I think my greatest strength is being able to bring a level of organization that will hopefully improve upon everything that we already offer," McNamara said.

Director of Student Activities Mark Broderick said that the reason this ticket is running unopposed is because it was widely accepted that they were the best candidates.

"Nobody wanted to take him on. There was a consensus from the student leaders that he would do the best job," Broderick said.

"We'd like to think that anyone

development. Although details may have changed between the expiring document and the newly approved one, few significant alterations were made, according to Terry Sawyer, vice president of administration.

"There were no glaring changes, per se," said Ann Walsh, president of the NBNC. "It is more a continuation or an extension of the agreement in which the college addressed the issues that were most glaring to the surrounding communities, specifically campus development, property

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CHELSEA HADDAWAY/GREYHOUND

Future SGA president John McNamara (r) and vice president Suzy Pacia (middle) campaign outside of Boulder last week. Because they are unopposed, they have switched their campaign focus to create general awareness of the election.

else who thought about running is satisfied with us in those positions, but it could be the fact that the SGA president position has been under so much scrutiny over the past couple of years that people just don't want the job," McNamara said.

Another unopposed race is the race for the position of junior class president, which will be filled by current sophomore Mike Hardy.

"It seems the lack of candidates for this year's executive elections shows just how apathetic this campus has become towards SGA. I hope to change their view and increase the amount of participation," Hardy said.

The two races being contested are that of senior class president, which has three candidates, and sophomore class president, which has two.

"Students will be choosing the person that best matches their views on where they would like to see their class next year," said current SGA President Blair Puskas.

Running for senior class president are Andy Grillo, Kelly Crossett and Jill Davis.

This will be the most competitive race because there is not a clear-cut winner, according to Mark Broderick, Director of Student Activities. All three

candidates are fairly well known in their class and have held an elected position within the SGA before.

"I'm the only one who has been

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SGA ELECTIONS

For the results of the election, check <http://www.loyolagreyhound.com> throughout the week.

Students face housing difficulties

By CHELSEA HADDAWAY
NEWS EDITOR

This year's housing process, the first at Loyola with any kind of online housing selection process, encountered problems such as room shortages and glitches in the e-mail system. Currently, about 50 rising sophomores are without housing after all of the available rooms were filled up last Wednesday night.

Student Life was aware that this could possibly be a problem after rising juniors selected housing two nights prior, and Student Life was left without enough rooms to house the number of freshmen who had turned in deposits.

Because the number of students who pay housing deposits and the number who actually go through

the selection process often differ, Student Life went ahead with the selection process.

"We're never really able to have an accurate count because you don't know who's coming through in a full roommate group, not all groups come through for whatever reasons," said Leonard Brown, director of Student Life.

"The number of people who pay housing deposits and the number of people who actually go through the selection process in a full roommate groups are different. There's no way for us to predict how many of those people who pay deposits will do that."

"[It was] towards the end of the housing selection process, and we looked up at the screen and there were five rooms left, and they were nowhere near out of numbers."

said freshman Colby Wuillermin, who is currently without a room

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FILE PHOTO

Some of the freshmen that moved into converted four-person lounges at the beginning of the year are among those that are now without housing.



ALEXANDRIA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

The Maryland State Boyschoir performed a concert in the Alumni Memorial Chapel last Sunday. The concert was originally slated for last month, had to be rescheduled due to snow.

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High gas prices represent now-normal price of oil

By KEVIN G. HALL
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON -- Oil prices soared to new highs Thursday, promising higher gasoline prices and leaving some analysts saying the upward run defies gravity.

U.S. light crude rose past \$57 a barrel Thursday as traders shrugged off the promise a day earlier by the world's major oil producers to increase production. That puts oil prices about 50 percent higher than they were this time last year.

Gasoline prices are still lower than their 1981 highs, which in today's dollars would top \$3 a gallon. In gas stations across the United States, a gallon of unleaded gas now averages about \$2.05, about 30 cents more than it did a year ago.

Get used to it, energy analysts say. They warn that fuel prices are likely to go higher and say high prices may become the norm. Experts say increasing demand for oil in large developing nations such as China and India, the lack of sufficient infrastructure to deliver oil in the future and changes in investment patterns are combining to drive up prices.

On the face of it, rising prices appear illogical. Energy Department statistics show that U.S. crude oil stockpiles were higher at the beginning of this year than they were at the beginning of 2004.

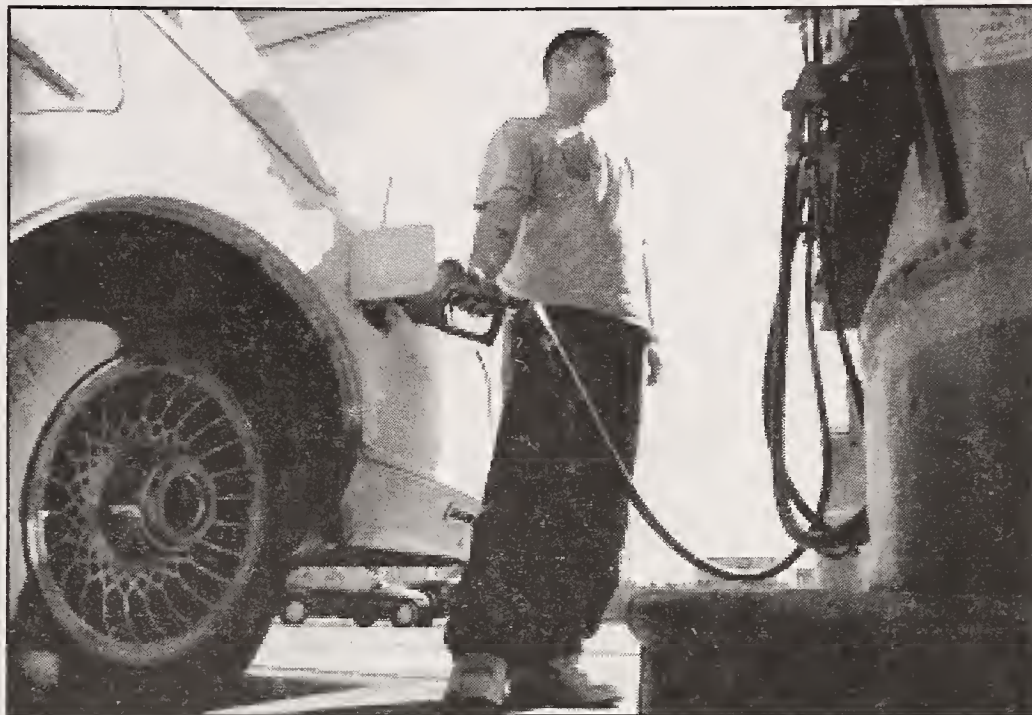
"It is so irrational ... it is defying gravity," said Steve Bellino, a New York-based senior vice president of energy risk management for Fimat USA, a global investment broker.

Lee Raymond, the chairman and chief executive officer of Exxon Mobil, the world's

largest oil company, recently told Wall Street analysts that speculation, not market conditions, is driving today's oil market.

The International Energy Agency in Paris,

consumer, using 21 million barrels a day, but the International Energy Agency warned that focusing on the United States misses the global picture. It showed that



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Drivers are seeing higher prices at the pumps as a result of gas prices that have risen by about 30 cents over the past year, and if current trends continue prices won't drop anytime soon.

which tracks oil demand for industrialized nations, offered a more nuanced explanation: Oil consumption has caught up with the capacity to extract and refine oil into gasoline. The agency projects rising demand for oil across the globe in the second half of 2005.

The United States remains the biggest oil

China used almost 5 million barrels a day last year and by 2022 may consume as much as the United States does today. India, the world's second most populous nation, also has a fast-growing appetite for oil.

Analysts said there wasn't enough production capacity to meet the world's growing oil demand, despite the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' announcement Wednesday that it would increase production by 2 percent.

"It's really simple. We grossly underestimated the world's need for oil and we were hallucinating about the available supply," said Matthew Simmons, the head of Simmons & Co. International, a Houston-based investment bank specializing in the

oil sector.

Simmons thinks there's little room in the next year or two for production increases, so oil isn't really overpriced, it's too cheap.

"I think we will look back and say how on Earth did we think that \$50 or \$60 a barrel was expensive," Simmons said.

John Iglehart, a managing director for investment giant Goldman Sachs in London, said the high oil prices of the 1970s led to excess production in the 1980s. Since then, he said, there's been insufficient investment to meet increasing demand.

"We've been living off the excess capacity of the 1970s," Iglehart said. "Not only do we have strong demand, but now for the first time severe supply delivery constraints."

Another sign that higher oil prices are here to stay is the futures markets for oil contracts. Oil prices are set on the spot market, in which contracts call for delivery within 30 days. To hedge against changing oil prices in the future, many investors purchase futures contracts, whose prices historically tended to be lower than the spot price.

Today, futures contracts for oil are trading at prices higher than the spot price. That means long-term contracts are being snapped up on the belief that the long-term price, although higher than today's spot price, will still be lower than the spot price will be four months from now.

"They are willing to buy it at these levels because they believe market fundamentals have changed," Iglehart said.

In other words, they think \$50-a-barrel oil is a bargain.

CORRECTION

Last week, *The Greyhound* incorrectly referred to the former Director of Alumni Relations as Mark Bowden instead of Brian Bowden. *The Greyhound* regrets this error.

Youth speak out on education

Tonight at 7 p.m. in McGuire Hall, students from Baltimore City schools will speak as part of "Baltimore Youth Speak Out on Education," a forum with youth-produced videos and photographs focused on education reform. The students will then initiate a panel discussion on the same topic.

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The student-produced media, which will be presented by Wide Angle Community Media, will focus on how students can influence efforts to improve their schools. It will be accompanied by a panel discussion with youth from Wide Angle Community Media, the Algebra Project and CLIA's Baltimore Youth Congress along with concerned adults. It will be moderated by Loyola Education professor Dr. Stephanie Flores-Koulish. "Our goal is to promote conversations that will result in systemic change for our troubled schools system," said Flores-Koulish. "I want people here and in the Baltimore community to understand the issues and become involved."

Columbia campus hosts conference

The third annual Mid-Year Research Conference on Religion and Spirituality will be held April 1 and 2 at the Graduate Center-Columbia campus.

International scholars will present leading research on the role and value of spirituality in understanding people and the lives they lead. Invited speakers include James W. Jones, Psy.D., Ph.D., Th.D., from Rutgers University, and Jacqueline S. Mattiss, Ph.D. from New

York University. Interim President Dr. David Haddad and Ralph L. Piedmont from the Loyola Pastoral Counseling Center will be guest speakers.

The fee is \$65 for the Loyola community and members of Division 36 and \$35 for students. To register or get more information, call 410-617-7614. The conference program is available online.

The conference is sponsored by the American Psychological Association Division 36 (psychology of religion) and Loyola's Pastoral Counseling department.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

March 22: Lenten Communal Celebration for Reconciliation is at 5 p.m. and will be followed by individual reception of the Sacrament of Penance

March 24: Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 25: Good Friday, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

March 26: Holy Saturday, Great Vigil of Easter

All masses begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, March 12

Campus police responded to the Gardens parking lot. A student reported she had parked her vehicle on March 4. When she returned that day she found the vehicle had been broken into. There was nothing taken from the vehicle. The steering column had been cracked and the ignition was damaged. There was also damage to the lock on the driver's side door. Officers checked other vehicles in the area and found that two other vehicles also had damage to the driver's side lock.

Wednesday, March 16

Campus police responded to a disorderly person reported by the Absolute Security Officer, who stated that a student was sitting atop the "Loyola College" sign. When the student was motioned to get off the sign, he began cursing at the officer. Campus police were then notified, but upon arrival the student had boarded a MTA bus and departed the area.

Campus police responded to the Newman Towers parking meters, where a student stated she had parked her vehicle March 15, and returned that day. When she returned she noticed that her vehicle's driver side door was open and all the items (pens, pencils, clothes, air mattress, non-important papers and CD's) inside were thrown around as if someone was looking for something specific. No money or any valuables such as a cell phone, wallet or jewelry were missing. There were no signs of forced entry. The student stated she may have left the door unlocked or it may not have shut tight.

Thursday, March 17

The Baltimore City Fire Department responded to Seton Court for a fire alarm. The cause of alarm was cooking corned beef and cabbage in the oven. No damage was done to the room, and Student Life was not called.

— Compiled by Mary Scott

Maryland Day to honor legends next week

By JOHN DOUGHERTY
STAFF WRITER

The Loyola College community will observe Maryland Day, an annual celebration of the history, culture and people of the state of Maryland, on Tuesday, March 29.

In keeping with this year's theme, "Maryland Legends," several noteworthy Marylanders will be honored. This year's celebration will be unique for several reasons, including the fact that this is the first year that the entire student body is invited to attend.

Maryland Day celebrates the founding of Maryland and is usually held on March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation. However, due to scheduling issues with some of the honorees, this year's celebration has been moved to the following Tuesday. Loyola has held this celebration since 1961.

"The Honors and Rewards Committee reviews the themes and honorees, and they were approved by [the Rev. Harold] Ridley," Jamie Smith, associate director of development and public relations said.

Ridley, the late president of Loyola College who passed away earlier this semester, is among this year's recipients of the Andrew White Award.

"It's always intended to reflect some aspect of life in Maryland," Smith said. Previous years' themes included Chesapeake Bay and Religious Freedom.

The Andrew White Award, named after the Jesuit priest who celebrated the first Mass in Maryland, is awarded to "outstanding men and women whose example sustains the ideals of Maryland's

founding," according to the ceremony program. Smith said that the honorees also embody the theme.

Aside from Ridley, this year's honorees are former Orioles legend Cal Ripken, Jr., James "Jim McKay" McManus, host of ABC's "Wide World of Sports" and a graduate of Loyola's class of 1943, and Walter Sondheim, Jr., the senior adviser of the Greater Baltimore Committee.

"We have a great slate of honorees this year," Smith said. "They're not always that famous, but it's always a pretty distinguished list."

Smith expressed admiration for Sondheim, who he said was probably the least well known among the students.

"He's not as famous, but his impact on Baltimore and Maryland has been just as great. He's had a lasting impact on the quality of life in the city and state."

Sondheim is credited with jump-starting "The Baltimore Renaissance," which led to the creation of the downtown environment known to Baltimore residents today.

He also presided over the desegregation of Baltimore's schools in 1954 as the president of the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City.

Many at Loyola have expressed excitement about Ripken's appearance.

"It's great; he's awesome," said freshman Connor McNamara. "Whenever you get a chance to meet someone who helps the community like that, it's just great."

Aside from being an Andrew White honoree, Ridley will also be specially honored at the convocation.

"There's a presidential portrait of Fr. Ridley that was finished in December," Smith

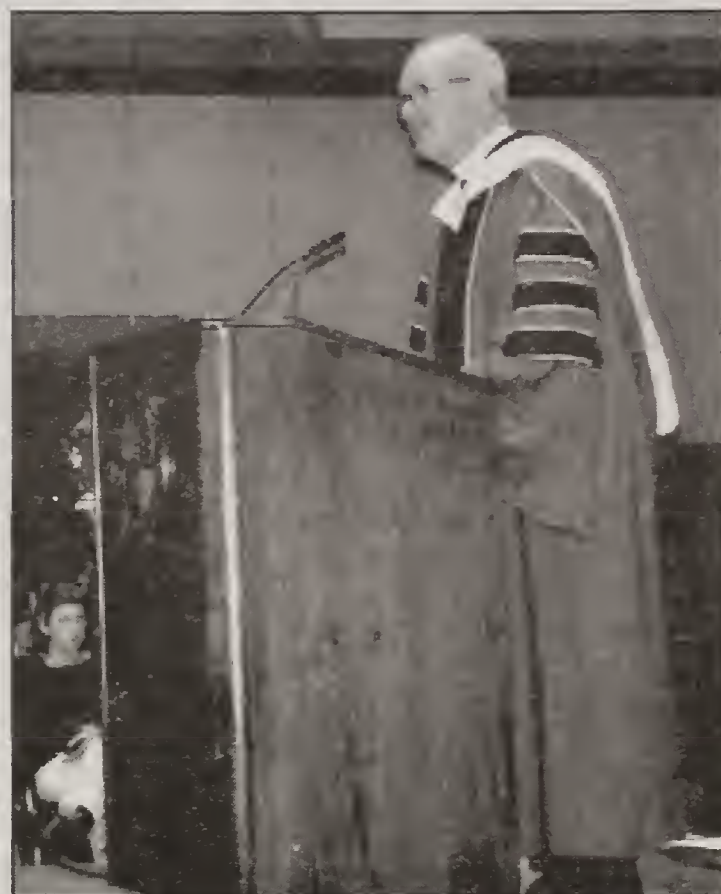
said. "It will be unveiled at the celebration, and put on display in Hug Lounge throughout the day."

The portrait was originally commissioned for Ridley's 10th anniversary as president.

"It's a neat thing that Fr. Ridley will be remembered," Smith said.

Others being honored at the ceremony include Charles C. Meagher, Jr., class of 1945, and Mary Ann Scully, MBA class of 1979, will receive the Alumni Laureate Award. The Bene Merenti Award, honoring faculty who have achieved 25 years of service, will be presented to chemistry professor Dr. Timothy J. McNeese. Other awards include Employee Service Milestones, the Harry W. Rodgers, III Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award, SGA Executive Council inductions, and Who's Who, honoring students "on the basis of academic achievement, service to the college and the community and on the promise of future achievement and leadership," according to the ceremony program.

This year's celebration marks the first time that the entire student body has been invited



FILE PHOTO

Former college president Rev. Harold Ridley, SJ., pictured here during a former Maryland Day convocation, will be honored at this year's celebration.

to attend the ceremony.

"In the past, it was only the specifically honored students," Smith said. He cited high student interest and the tribute to Ridley as reasons for this change. Invitations arrived in students' mail stops last week. "All students are encouraged to participate," Smith said.

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Committee continues search work

By MARY SCOTT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The presidential search committee had their second meeting on March 1 to begin the next phase in the process of finding a new college president.

At this meeting the committee reviewed the input given from various campus constituencies at earlier meetings across campus, including feedback from both students and faculty.

"The campus meetings were very helpful, and there was much consistency between the various constituencies," said Dr. Donelda Cook, assistant vice president of student development, and a member of the 12-person search committee.

No timetable has been established for finishing the search process, but a recruitment plan has been agreed on, and the committee is working in the "Outward Engagement" part of the search process.

A search consultant from the private firm Witt-Keiffer has begun the process of recruiting from the Jesuit community by making contacts and trying to get information out to viable candidates.

According to Terry Sawyer, vice president of administration and secretary for the search committee, Witt-Keiffer has extensive experience in these searches, particularly for Jesuit presidents.

The committee plans to conduct their third meeting at the end of this month.

Neighborhoods and LC reach agreement

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acquisition, student behavior, parking and things of that nature."

One change that the new agreement included was an increase on the enrollment cap from 3,200 to 3,600 students.

"We're looking to have controlled growth," Sawyer said. "This allows us to expand by 400 students, which is modest growth, but significant for us."

The most important and time consuming element of the new agreement was the outlining of Loyola's new master plan within the terms of the agreement. As a prospectus of the college's physical growth, the master plan presented included building on what is now Geppi-Aikens Field and at least two additional dorms on the west side of North Charles.

"All of the agreements share the premise that the community conceptually supports a list of projects that we want to do over the next 10 years," Sawyer said.

"Rather than go to them one at a time and fight them out one at a time, we set a threshold of what we're going to do up front, and in exchange for that we make concessions that are designed to mitigate the impact that we have on their quality of life," he said.

With this attitude of compromise, the drafting procedure between Loyola and the NBNC went fairly smoothly. After the initial draft was approved by the Coalition, it had to be signed by representatives of each community, including Homeland, Homeland East and West and Roland Park.

"This is a very time-consuming process," Sawyer said. "Certainly the community did not get everything it wanted in the agreement, nor did the college. But at the

end of the process, I think both sides will get something of value out of the agreement."

The completion of the agreement is also a testament to Rev Harold Ridley, S.J., who continually stressed the importance of a quality relationship with the community, according to Sawyer. Though Ridley died before the final agreement was signed, Sawyer said that he had agreed in theory

with the now-completed document.

"[Ridley] was a great guy," Walsh said. "He was always available, and he was always willing to compromise, and those are the two elements that are so important in a situation like this because Fr. Ridley always considered, 'Maybe these people have a right to this' or 'Maybe this isn't such a terrible concession,' and that's the ideal that we could have asked for."

Classes of '06, '08 face issues

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for next year. "We all just didn't know how to handle the situation because we weren't prepared for it."

Because Student life was aware that the lack of housing was a possibility, they had prepared a letter, which was handed out to the students left without housing. The letter informed them that there would be a meeting held the next day to discuss the shortage.

"I think that they could have predicted it, worked with the information that they had with the [roommate] cards that they got," said freshman Maria Kary, who is also without housing.

"It felt like they weren't really prepared in the way that they should have been," Wuillermin said.

"Now that we know the number of groups we need to work with, we can start working on getting them housed," Brown said.

"There were about 11 or 12 groups that were unable to select a room ... from my standpoint that's a number we can work with and a number we can manage. It's just an issue of having the time to figure out what's going to be the best solution," he said.

Last Thursday, Brown held a meeting with students to explain the options that are currently being explored by Student Life.

Brown said that the first priority for Student Life is to keep students in their original roommate groups, and this may take a little bit longer than randomly placing students in empty spots in rooms.

"I think that the people who don't have rooms would say that if there's a possibility of living in roommate groups, that's their preference as opposed to me saying OK, you're living in this room, and you're living in that one," he said.

He cited several things that are being done to help create additional housing for students. For example, an additional study abroad option in New Zealand has been opened up for juniors next fall.

Student life is also considering looking into housing students at the College of Notre Dame if other options fall through.

"That may be one option that we look at, but we haven't sat down and said this is what we're going to do," Brown said.

The biggest option that Student life is looking at is working with the space that they already have to create new spaces for next year's freshmen.

"We're looking at a number of different spaces around campus where we could get stuff done over the summer to put first year students, and once we know the viability of that -- which I think will be soon -- we will take space back that we currently have reserved for first-year students and give sophomores opportunities to live there," Brown said.

"We're not going to pick a room that we've already assigned people to and carve it up and add two more people in. We're going to look at spaces that maybe aren't utilized," he said. "There are a number of things that we're looking at, but those things need time to develop"

At the meeting, students who were without housing had the chance to ask questions of Brown and give him feedback on the housing selection process.

Students brought up the fact that there are two floors in Campion reserved for incoming freshman. They suggested that Student Life open those floors to sophomores and work on finding new places for freshmen.

"The incoming freshmen haven't been here yet, they haven't made their friends. They haven't had a living situation first, whereas all of us have been here for a year, we've made our friends, and we know where we want to live," one student said.

"To merely take the housing away from freshmen doesn't resolve the issue of having enough housing for the students we have on campus. We have to consider the whole picture. We can't just say we're out of rooms at this point so we're just going to take this floor," Brown said.

Many freshmen said that they were worried that with the confusion they wouldn't end up on the west side of campus, which is where almost all sophomores live.

"I know that no matter what I'm going to be living somewhere. It's just a matter of am I going to be on the west side; am I going to be with my friends?" Wuillermin said.

Other students expressed a more general criticism of the housing system.

"Loyola sells itself on housing, and now I think it's a little bit frustrating that the housing process been so messed up," freshman Chris Blauvelt said.

Freshmen agreed that although the meeting didn't really answer their questions, they were reassured to know that Student Life was working on their behalf.

"I knew going in they weren't going to give me definite answers about anything," Kary said. "I'm pretty sure that we're going to get housing."

The junior housing selection also encountered problems when a glitch in the system e-mailed about 50 people that their housing had been cancelled.

Associate Director of Student Life Sarah Mansfield sent out an e-mail to the juniors shortly afterwards informing them that "your housing has not been cancelled and all assignments have been accounted for."

"The seniors were, even when we were having the glitches, they were extremely patient," Brown said.

The e-mail went out because a feature on the new RezNet system had been enabled that timed out the roommate choices if they were not quickly accepted.

The RezNet system is a new housing selection system which will eventually allow all on-campus students to select their housing online.

"I want to thank you for your patience with this process as it is our first year with a new system, and the bugs need to be worked out," Mansfield said in her e-mail.

"It's worked extremely well for what we're trying to do with it right now. We anticipated that there were going to be some glitches," Brown said.

Student Life will be seeking feedback on the new system once the current housing issues have been resolved.

"We are going to try to get some informal feedback from students. It's difficult to do that while we are going through the process," Brown said.



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Seniors choose gift that remembers Ridley

BY CHELSEA HADDAWAY
NEWS EDITOR

The class of 2005 has begun their campaign to raise \$20,000 for the senior class gift -- the installation of a painting and shrine in Alumni Memorial Chapel.

The gift was chosen in honor of the Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J., who had identified the painting of the Madonna and Child as something that he wanted to purchase for the chapel. In the wake of his death, the painting was donated to the school.

"Fr. Ridley had identified it last year in the fall, and it was something that he really liked, and he wanted to bring it to Loyola, and since he passed away it has been donated to the school," said Tarah Wilson, an administrative assistant in the Annual Giving office.

"It was his intention to have it in the chapel," she said.

The senior class gift will fund the installation of this painting and a Marian Shrine in the chapel.

The seniors were invited to choose between two gifts to the school: the painting and a Sept. 11 commemorative garden.

"We tried to think of the things that affected our class the most, and both [Sept. 11 and Ridley] really affected us," senior class President Dana Matthews said.

Seniors voted for their preference on Blackboard, and the results ended up split 60 percent to 40 percent in favor of the painting and shrine.

"I think it was more significant to the class. It was something that has a special place in the college, and it was also something that Fr. Ridley wanted," Wilson said.

"He had such an impact on our four years here. I think people really wanted to give that gift to him," Matthews said. "It's a really great way not only for people to give a gift but to show their respect."

Last week, donation request forms were sent out to seniors, and next week the class will begin a campaign to get every member

There's a Web site and the picture is on the Web site," Wilson said.

The senior class is offering several incentives to get seniors to donate to the fund. Students who donate before April 1 will be entered in a raffle for two gala tickets, and Matthews is considering making pins that every member of the class who donates

can wear to graduation.

"We start at asking them for \$50. More is wonderful but participation is the most important," Wilson said.

Students also will not have to pay their donation in full until a year after graduation.

"You basically make a pledge, and you have all the way to May 2006 to make your payment," Matthews said.

The goal for the gift is \$20,000.

"It's actually very realistic, in the past they've always raised right around there," Matthews said.

Past gifts have included donations to the library renovation, scholarship funds and a Sept. 11 memorial.

The results of the class of 2005's

campaign will be announced by Matthews during her speech at the commencement ceremony on May 20.



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The painting, which the Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J. saw at the Bendann Art Galleries in Towson, was donated to the college by the gallery owner, Lance Bendann, after Ridley's death.

to donate.

"They are doing personal solicitations. We've sent letters, we have sent e-mails.

Philosophers set to arrive on campus

BY CHELSEA HADDAWAY
NEWS EDITOR

On April 1 and 2, Loyola will host an international conference on the philosopher Emmanuel Levinas, bringing speakers from all over the world to campus to commemorate a philosopher known for his religious as well as intellectual approach to philosophy.

"He combined the best of the humanist learning with Jewish education," philosophy professor Richard Blum said. Levinas' worldview was unique because he was raised in a Jewish environment, but spent most of his active life in France.

The philosophy department is expecting speakers from the U.S., Italy, Great Britain, Canada, Germany and Levinas' native Lithuania to come to the conference to share their insights with Loyola faculty, students, and others who will be attending the conference.

The conference will consist mostly of talks by experts, but Blum said that they are also promoting a relaxed atmosphere.

"Friday and Saturday evening we will conclude the day with a wine and cheese reception, which will help create a collegial atmosphere and also give students a chance to approach our guests with questions they wouldn't dare to ask in public," he said.

The event is sponsored by the Center for the Humanities as well as the philosophy, theology and modern languages departments.

Mass honors Bacchus

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with both students, their families, classmates and colleagues," said interim president Dr. David Haddad. "The college adheres to the statutes of the Federal Right to Privacy Act protecting the academic records and privacy of the students and is declining media requests for interviews at this time."

Loyola held a memorial Mass in honor Bacchus last Saturday at Alumni Memorial Chapel with members of her family, friends, classmates, teachers and Loyola community in attendance. After the Mass her classmate and friend Kristen Robust, Jeff Lating, faculty associate and director of clinical training, Dr. David Powers, associate chair of the psychology department and her father Dr. Shamin Bacchus shared memories and insights into Natasha's personality and the special characteristics she possessed. All those who spoke mentioned her smile, enthusiasm and warmth.

Natasha Aliya Bacchus-Magee was born August 8, 1973 in Washington DC. and was the oldest of three children. She married John Patrick Magee on August 21, 1999.

Bacchus earned a M.S. in psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a M.S. in clinical psychology from Loyola before continuing to pursue her doctorate in psychology.

"She loved the program," said one of her close friends who asked not be identified. "She loved being in class; she loved being a part of the program and learning. She was the type of person who was very supportive to her classmates and to the program."

While at Loyola, she worked at internships at Saint Vincent, a charity center in Timonium, Md. and Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore, specializing in working with children.

"When she was with the kids she would

get down on the floor and play with them. She would stop everything to help them. If they needed anything they knew they could go to her," her friend said.

To commemorate her life, Saint Vincent is establishing a fund to give children therapeutic toys in Bacchus' name.

In addition to working with children, Bacchus placed a great amount of emphasis on her own family.

"Natasha had a devotion to her family and friends, as well as a passion for counseling children with special needs," her husband John Patrick Magee wrote in an e-mail to *The Greyhound*.

"John was really important part of her life," said Pete Rogers, director of spiritual development for Campus Ministry. "She was clearly and deeply in love with her husband."

During her graduate studies, Bacchus developed a friendship with Rogers and expressed an interest in taking part in the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program.

Participants comprise a tightly-woven and often eclectic community who prepare for the various Christian sacraments together.

To get ready for her baptism, Bacchus drove down with her husband to Loyola's Alumni Chapel from Stuartstown, Pa. every week to attend Mass.

Rogers said that for Bacchus her spirituality was extremely important. During her baptism while kneeling in the pool of water, Rogers said that her face showed that she as deeply spiritually fulfilled.

"She just looked radiant, absolutely radiant," he said, adding that she radiated joy and was a very pleasant, caring and warm person.

Bacchus completed the program and was baptized at Loyola on April 18, 2004.

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Senior, sophomore presidential candidates face off

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a class president before, so I definitely have the experience," Davis said.

The candidates agreed that disciplinary issues will factor in the upcoming election, due to Crossett's recent removal from the SGA presidency. Grillo was removed from his position as sophomore class president two years ago.

"The discipline problems are

year. That will be a definite factor, because both of them have been [removed from their position]," Davis said.

"For senior class, the president will be the one who will do the best job socially with class nights, activities and fostering a sense of community and unity," Broderick said.

"Senior year is different. All three of us have been very involved on this campus and already know a lot of people. So this year is going to be more about getting people to vote than getting our names out there," Crossett said,

Crossett had planned to run for senior president since October. Her recent

removal from the SGA presidency did not affect her decision.

"I want this position because I want to have a crazy and productive senior year, and I think I can help my class as a whole do that also," she said.

"A lot of the events are already tradition, and you just have to put a new spin on them, and I think that a like that tradition, and I think that we could leave our own mark," Grillo said.

Broderick expects many rising

seniors to vote. Because the election is close for rising seniors and sophomores, he believes their turnout will be large.

"Usually about 60 to 70 percent of the student body, not counting current seniors, vote," Broderick said.

In the race for sophomore class president, current freshman president Dylan O'Shea is

planning to campaign by personally visiting students, motivating them to vote and promoting his slogan.

"I'm sure that students recognized our success this year, in terms of events and spirit and will be confident in it carrying over to sophomore year," he said.

O'Shea has plans to make Upper Primos more of a student center

and increase support for athletes.

His challenger, Bill Fusco, also has his platform planned out. If elected, he plans to organize a field day for sophomores and begin shuttle service to Fells Point. Fusco will campaign by meeting students and asking their input as well.

"I think it will be a close election," he said.

Academic Senate discusses tenure

By KRISTEN BOYLE
STAFF WRITER

Last Tuesday, the Academic Senate discussed the recent murder of current Psy.D. student and Loyola graduate Natasha Bacchus.

Melissa Harton, the woman charged with the crime, has taken a leave of absence from Loyola's Psy.D. program and is not allowed on campus. Loyola has hired outside professionals to meet with students and professors during this time.

Anne Young, the associate vice president for Academic Affairs, updated the Senate on the Loyola conference's report on the Strategic Plan.

Young stressed that faculty need to participate in a survey in order to assess the steps needed to improve Loyola.

"It's important that our opinions are represented," Young said.

An outside consulting firm, Right Management Consultants, has been retained to process the survey and determine how to enhance the quality of life.

The next item on the agenda was proposed changes to the Rank and Tenure Policy Statement (RTPS). The RTPS proposal states that if a person is eligible for tenure, then they are also eligible for a promotion to associate professor.

The association between tenure and promotion would involve an increase in the requirements to attain either.

The Ad Hoc committee on Rank and Tenure determined that in addition to "a displayed commitment to the philosophy, values and objectives of the college," professors must also be "able and dedicated teachers ... who demonstrate established excellence" and they must "show evidence of scholarly activity and

productive work as a scholar."

One requirement is that faculty must publish a certain number of works in a specific period of time. The issue was brought up that in some fields the research alone can take up to five years. If a professor does not meet the publication requirement then he or she is not offered tenure regardless of teaching ability.

"If quality teaching isn't the main requirement, then we're missing the mark. We should be looking for quality," said Fred Derrick, economics chair.

"We don't want the school to be a revolving door with new faculty every five years because professors can't make tenure," said another senate member.

In the end, the vote was 16 to 15 approving linking tenure to promotion which in effect, "ups the ante for professors" said psychology professor Dr. Charles LoPresto.



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Senior class candidate Jill Davis talks to junior Tara Kidney while campaigning in Newman Towers last Sunday night.

scaring a lot of kids away [from running], and I think it's something that anyone who runs in this election and wins is going to have to deal with," Grillo said.

"If you're going to be in that position, you have to learn to be able to separate your responsibilities, and that's something that I definitely learned two years ago," he said.

"I have the maturity and responsibility to maintain the position throughout the entire

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Fellow Students,
For those of you we do not know, we would like to introduce ourselves as John and Suzy. This letter alone cannot express how excited we are by the prospect of being your new SGA president & vice president. During this period of transition for Loyola, all of us have a tremendous opportunity to expand our horizons.

Our election to office would mean that next year you could expect more from every facet of your SGA. While we certainly plan to start new traditions, we also look to heavily

SGA PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

improve upon everything we already offer. Sponsoring more spirit events like the Fall Football Classic, we aspire to create a greater sense of Loyola pride and community among all four classes. Working more closely with the

JOHN McNAMARA

new college president, we hope to implement policies that will directly benefit students. Upgrading our newsletter and Web site, we plan to increase support, both financially and

personally, for fellow students' events and activities.

Building on five years of combined SGA experience, we understand that we can only accomplish as much as you let us. We will challenge every student to a greater level of involvement on campus, providing more opportunities

to develop and showcase the diverse talents we all have to offer. In short, we will embody our Jesuit core values, accepting a

"constant challenge to improve" in everything we do here.

We invite you to share in our vision of a new, improved Loyola, still grounded in our rich, tested tradition. We hope you will feel comfortable approaching us to discuss your own ideas and concerns.

With your vote and support throughout the coming year, we can confidently assure you, "The best is yet to come."

-- John McNamara & Suzy Pacia



JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

My fellow students, I graciously accept your nomination for junior class president. I hold endless pride for this honor. I foresee great possibilities for the class of 2007. Prosperity is in the future of each student here at Loyola College. Necessity too is in our future. That is why I am recommending that the school expand the uses of our swipe card. Too



MIKE HARDY

long have we been forced to eat from Boulder or Primo's. Why can we not spend our parent's money on food that we'd enjoy? We have the technology to implement a system where we could use our evergreen account at a number of dining establishments around

campus. Heck, I even know of some college's that use their swipes to pay for taxis. But it seems as though the school would rather see us spend that money on them. Why else did the school revoke the Evergreen payment option for Dominoes? My guess is that the school wasn't profiting from it. Enough is enough, this is our money and we should be allowed to spend it however we deem fit. These are the times we will remember forever, make the most of them. Class of 2007, together, we can leave our stamp of brilliance on Loyola College, and if you vote for me I will make all of your wildest dreams come true.

Hey class of 2006, If I could pick one word to describe senior year, it would be **balance**. Senior year and the duties of the senior class president position are both about balance, about balancing crazy fun with serious professionalism; about enjoying every last second of college while simultaneously preparing for success in the real world.

As a member of the senior class you will be expected to balance nights going out with your friends with going out on job interviews. The president will be expected to balance the fun of planning Senior 250's with the responsibility of raising money for the class gift and to balance the craziness of Senior Week

with the responsibility of speaking at graduation. (Sorry to use the "g-word" already; I'll refrain from here on out.)

In short, I believe I am the most balanced candidate. I have the most leadership experience and more knowledge of Loyola than anyone running, yet I know that real experience and knowledge comes from individuals not organizations. I know when it is

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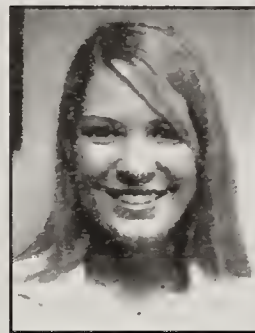
time to pull the all-nighter for an important class project and when the most important project is pulling an all-nighter talking about nothing with your friends.

Over the past few weeks I have gone through a lot with SGA but,

with things finally getting back to normal, something I have known all along is becoming more and more clear... I love Loyola and I love working for the student body. Everyone's got their niche here and this is mine.

I'm ready for an awesome senior year and it would be both my honor and privilege to continue to serve each member of the Class of 2006.

Next year is our year and I know that together we can strike the perfect balance. Stay classy Loyola! Thanks for stopping by.



SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Hey up-coming seniors! We are almost done! And most of us don't know whether to laugh or cry. But for sure, we all want a wild and crazy, fun-packed senior year! Kids, that is where I, Jill Davis, would come into action. If elected senior class president, we would have a year of great events to rally together as the Class of 2006 family. Senior year is a culmination of all the great years at Loyola. It is our opportunity to put the final cement in some of the most amazing friendships and memories of the best four years of our lives.

There is a lot of pressure that also occurs as we struggle trying to figure out what our future plans will be. As president, I want to help our class through this stressful period by making sure that everyone is having fun and enjoying themselves throughout the year. If president I will be hosting numerous sensational events for us to hang out and have a blast!! Events like senior countdowns, pub-crawls, class breakfasts, dinners with the president, wine tastings, happy hours at games, holiday parties, BBQs, formals, bus trips, senior week!

As SGA sophomore class president and a SGA assembly

person, I have learned exactly how to get events and activities done just as the class wants. I will put those skills into use even to a higher degree. I am willing to put myself down on the line to make sure you have a year to remember with a smile.

I also promise to dedicate my time and effort to the class, to represent every one of you to the administration, and to make sure your ideas are heard. I want to be the person to lead our class through the final phase of our Loyola journey. Vote Jill Davis, and Class of 2006, we will leave our lasting mark on Loyola.



JILL DAVIS

Hey juniors, have you been satisfied with the events that the Student Government has brought to you in the past three years? If not, then it's time to make a change. After three years of involvement on this campus, I can safely say that I understand the students' needs and concerns. As a member of Roots and Shoots, I understand the need for a better recycling system in senior housing.

As an executive member of the Resident Affairs Council, I understand the need for more washers, dryers, and vending machines in McAuley, Ahern, and Aquinas.

As a member of Alpha Phi Omega, I understand the desire

for classwide community service projects, and as a current member of the Student Government Association, I understand the tradition associated with the position of senior class president and look to not only innovate upon these traditions but also to begin new traditions. Obviously, we'd hold classic senior events ranging from "Senior 250s" to "Senior 1s," to the Senior Gala, but we'll also expand to other new senior activities such as starting a Senior Bowling League in Towson as well as holding a Senior Golf Scramble. We will be sponsoring more senior happy hour "Tailgate" Parties prior to

sporting events as well as working with athletics to get new Dog Pound shirts, customized for seniors.

We will also be focusing on new events such as: Senior Field Day, Freshman Year Housing Reunion Nights, special senior housing barbecues, McAuley Unplugged (for our senior bands), and a senior sponsored concert series (featuring local Baltimore cover bands).

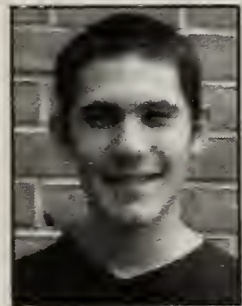
Finally, this is our last chance to vote, so pop in that last piece of Candy for Andy, log on to Blackboard, and get serious!



ANDY GRILLO

SOPHOMORE CLASS PRESIDENT

Freshmen, you might know me, you might have seen my posters up around campus, or maybe you have no idea who I am. For those of you in the latter category, my name is Bill Fusco and I'm running for sophomore class president. I've noticed over the course of this year that not too many people are coming out to the freshman class events that have been held. If elected, my number one goal is to unite the class of 2008 and organize events students will actually want to participate in. First of all, I want to create more chances for students to get dressed up and have a good time. Whether it's formals or dinners, I promise to organize more formal affairs for the sophomore class. I also want to try to put together some weekend events that would bring the class closer together, so I started thinking about what our class would want to do and asking some of my classmates which ideas they liked best. Two stood out. First, I want to try scheduling a sophomore class beach day where we would spend a day at a

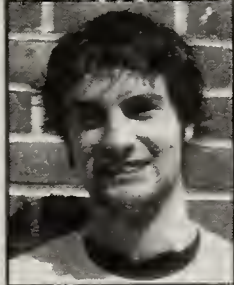


BILL FUSCO

Maryland beach and I also want to try to work with the sophomore classes of some surrounding schools, like Johns Hopkins University and Towson to put together a sophomore field day; possible events would include tug of war, capture the flag, ultimate Frisbee and any other suggestions you give me. Beyond organizing events for the class, I'd also like to try to push issues important to the sophomores. I plan on proposing a bus going to and from Fell's Point on Friday nights. This would not only save tons of students' cash but also provide a safer and easier way for students to get to and from Fell's Point.

As freshmen class president this year has been a success in increasing our budget, dominating class spirit, and hosting events.

Instead of some long platform, let me keep it to this phrase: 100 percent guarantee for a bigger and better sophomore year. Get ready class of 2008.



DYLAN O'SHEA

—THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL—

Wanted: SGA candidates

During the past three years, and this year in particular, *The Greyhound* has increased its coverage surrounding the affairs, events and policies of the Student Government Association. While we have received praise and criticism for taking this more serious approach in reporting on our SGA, we believe it is necessary to inform the Loyola community, in particular the student body, on the successes and shortcomings of the students we chose as our student leaders.

Every year during this time, we usually dedicate one or two pages to the previewing the SGA election, which take place today and tomorrow. We feel that these elections are critical in determining how the next academic year will take shape in a number of areas including policies, events, relationship with college administrators and dealing with important issues that will affect the college next year. This year's elections are particularly important because the college hopes to have a new president in place by the start of the next school year, and it is important for the SGA officials to develop a strong working relationship with this new college president.

However, this year, for the first time under the most recent SGA constitution adopted in March 2002, there is only one ticket running for SGA president and vice president. Current juniors John McNamara and Suzy Pacia are running unopposed for the highest-elected student leadership position, and they will be announced as the new SGA president and vice president on Wednesday night. While this editorial board has confidence that both McNamara and Pacia are a quality choice to represent the students during such a critical time, we do have concerns about the lack of interest in SGA leadership positions.

We hesitate to characterize the lack of candidates for the position as simply student apathy, because we believe it is important for students who choose to run for these positions to be fully dedicated to the commitment and responsibilities that come with it. However, it is disconcerting that at a school with over 3,000 undergraduate students, only two students chose to run for the top student position available. Just three years ago, five different tickets were on the ballot compared to the one this year. In the future, we hope that more students choose to run for these positions because competitive campaigns will facilitate discussions and bring additional ideas and issues to the forefront that may not get the proper attention they deserve.

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Homeland resident: LC, leave

In the March 1, 2005, issue of *The Greyhound*, on the front page was an article, "Issues in Homeland Discussed," about the problems residents at the Villages at Homeland West are having with the large number of Loyola students living at VHW, and the attendant behavior problems that their presence brings. That was on the left side of the page. On the right sat an article, "Crossett removed as SGA President," detailing the removal of Loyola's SGA president as the result of underage drinking at a party she apparently hosted.

On the one hand, it seems that Loyola finds such behavior on its own property intolerable; on the other hand, Loyola officials seem to require some kind of superhuman proof for a strong reaction when such behavior occurs on property that the college does not own.

The Special Assistant to the Vice President of Administration, Joan Flynn's reaction that Loyola receives complaints "about a couple of times a month," and that "they tend to be from the same handful of residents" completely ignores at least two major attempts

at communication with Loyola that, in her position, she should be fully informed about. Is she aware that in October 2003, resident owners gathered 45 signatures in two days and sent a petition to Fr. [Harold] Ridley asking that students be restricted from living in our neighborhood ... and that Loyola officials never even acknowledged receiving it? Does she not know that Vice President of Administration Terry Sawyer promised a response in September 2004 to our request that at the very least student density be restricted ... and that we are still waiting for his response?

Ms. Flynn's concern for the student "mistreatment" by VHW condominium owners demonstrates an extraordinary absence of understanding of how our community is being exploited by college officials so that it may offer off-campus housing for its students. It is made even more extraordinary by the fact that Loyola agrees to restrict its students from living in virtually every other neighborhood adjacent to the college.

Loyola officials know that approximately 40 condominium

units in the Villages at Homeland West are owned by one non-resident landlord who rents overwhelmingly to Loyola students, placing three or four students in a two-bedroom unit to obtain the most rent that he can, at the expense of our quality of life. Besides the behavior problems that the students bring, the density puts a heavy strain on our very limited parking (fewer than one and a half spaces per unit), the infrastructure of our buildings, our landscape and our future property values.

Loyola officials know this history and stick their heads in the sand. Loyola's arrogance is appalling to VHW residents, and Ms. Flynn personifies that arrogance by noting that students complain to her of "mistreatment" by VHW condominium owners.

To solve the problem, Loyola simply has to restrict its students from living here now. Let's not wait for another neighborhood to tip like Gallagher Park.

Helene Breazeale, Ph.D.
Villages at Homeland West

Students need to wake up

Have the students of Loyola College really become so weak that they allow a school officer to remove an elected student representative without argument?

So your president had underage drinkers at a party in her room. Does this really warrant dismissal? Leonard Brown admitted that it was his staff who made the decision to remove her. "It often includes my staff but often administration faculty and staff and students serve on these panels," he said. That is not a very clear statement of who made the decision.

It really makes me sick that you allow yourself to be so ruled after

paying so much money for an "education." If an elected official, a representative of the student body, can be removed from office for an infraction such as this, what is next? So now, this girl has to take this title off her resume because she only decided to participate in a party and to be a part of the student body she was chosen to lead. What is the percentage of students who participate in underage drinking at Loyola? I think this might actually speak volumes about her leadership skills because she decided to partake in and understand the most popular pastime of the constituents that

chose her to represent them.

The students who sit idly by and allow this to happen should change their mascot from the greyhound to the sheep because you are all led so easily by the present administration. I know you students are bright so let's see if you can spell this ... scapegoat! The administration is venting their frustration due to their inability to control underage drinking on campus. Don't be silent witnesses.

James O'Neill
Class of '96

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On the Quad

How do you feel about Loyola's housing process?

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI



"It's a waste of time. There must be a better way to do it."
Meghan Wood '07
Business



"The rooms are sweet. Campus police sucks."
Paul Bancroft '07
Communication



"It's not good at all. It's really slow and chaotic."
Emily Kitzinger and Amanda Reinecker '06
Undecided



"The whole process was a chaotic mess. We got split from a six to a four. We should have had a heads up because all of our expectations were wrong."
Gavin Dalgliesh and Bill Fusco '08
Business



"Big rooms but poor selection process."
Matt Demarco '08
Finance

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A closer look at housing selection woes

It isn't the first time we've heard the complaints. The students of Loyola have long considered the housing process to be one of the most confusing and arduous

NICKBROWN



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aspects the school has to offer. This year, with a new online system in place we hoped for clarity. Instead, we got more of the same -- emphasis on more.

In my experience, Loyola students try very hard not to blame Student Life for the many problems that have plagued the housing process. I, along with any reasonable person, understand that the burdens on Student Life are great, and the difficulty in striking a balance between the competing needs of the masses is very real.

However, Student Life is in charge of monitoring and ensuring the efficiency of the housing process, and they owe it to the students to perform this task soundly. According to many students, they did not do so this year. Here are a few housing horrors:

One group of four rising juniors, who shall remain nameless, was told on selection night that there were no four-person rooms left, and they would either have to split up or join with two others to form a six in order to get a room, and even this option was not guaranteed. Student Life representatives told this group that they, along with other out-of-luck foursomes, could try to stay together rather than search for new roommates, but that doing so was "delaying the inevitable."

Still, in a show of unbending

perseverance, this group challenged Student Life, demanding that they be allowed to stay together. Eventually they were given a four-person room in Southwell.

If four-person rooms were available, why did Student Life tell juniors that they were not? And if Student Life was willing to grant this group their wish, why have they turned others away? Both questions deserve good answers.

"In managing 2,000 people, you have to have rules and policies," said Director of Student Life Leonard Brown.

He explained why Student Life is so hesitant to make exceptions to standard procedure. "When a few students want exceptions, is that fair to all the other students who may not get the same treatment? If a situation is legitimate, we would make an exception. Students have asked for exceptions, and we have worked with them."

This reasoning seems very sensible. At the same time, however, it leaves room for many ambiguities: Lots of groups were in the same position as the one described above, but they received no special

"Student Life is in charge of monitoring and ensuring the efficiency of the housing process, and they owe it to the students to perform this task soundly."

— Nick Brown

treatment. While this may be because they didn't ask for any, keep in mind that few people would consider requesting exceptions from an organization who said they were "delaying the inevitable" by doing so.

Other students received e-mails informing them that their housing had been canceled -- and then received another telling them to ignore the first.

"It was a glitch that was worked out immediately," Brown said. "No one lost their housing."

Comforting as this is, the errant e-mail remains a curious concern and an unnecessary source of confusion and momentary panic.

Personally, I have not escaped housing difficulty -- far from it. Slated to live with three of my friends, one of whom is a rising senior, I was told numerous times -- by numerous RAs -- that mixed junior-senior groups were to select with the juniors. It was only when we arrived on junior selection night that we were told that this was not the case.

Student Life informed us that we would have to wait until the end of the night to select, by which time there would be no quads left, forcing us to split up. Though hard on all of us, it was a particular burden to one of my roommates who had sacrificed an opportunity to live off campus at Student Life's advice. They told him that were he to pull out of the room prior to selection, the three of us would be forced to reconfigure. So, he decided to stay -- and was forced to reconfigure anyway.

We attempted to negotiate a special agreement with Student Life on the basis that we had been given bad information. They told us that the booklet clearly explained the terms. We told them that we understood this, but that we trusted the word of the multiple RAs who were supposed to be authorities on the matter. They did not grant us any leeway.

I asked Brown how the RAs could have been misled, and to what extent Student Life educated them on the facts.

"We provide them as many tools as

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Crude measure endangers ANWR

Last week, the U.S. Senate voted to approve an amendment providing for controversial oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. Drilling in ANWR, which President Bush describes as "crucial" to the nation's energy security, will likely have adverse effects on local and regional ecosystems in the area while its

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benefits remain suspect at best. While the spirited debate over drilling in ANWR gives the oil reserve an air of importance, in reality the benefits of drilling are largely political.

ANWR is home to a multitude of animal species including polar bears, caribou and over 150 species of birds. While those in favor of drilling in the refuge claim that drilling technology has improved and will likely have little adverse impact on the surrounding environment, past experience proves otherwise. Almost without exception, human interference in nature produces unforeseen side effects that affect not only plant and animal species, but in time human society itself. Drilling for oil is anything but an exact science, and mistakes often occur in such endeavors, which could in turn damage a number of species and the surrounding ecosystem.

The Bush administration argues that drilling in ANWR would ease America's dependence on foreign oil, providing relief to Americans hurt by near-record gas prices. But in reality, the amount of oil in the ANWR reserve would be largely inconsequential compared to our national oil use of 20 million barrels a day. At that rate, our national oil

supply (which includes not only ANWR but oil found in the Rocky Mountains) would be completely depleted in roughly four and a half years. Drilling in ANWR, besides its environmental effects, would only partially ease oil prices and would do so only in the extremely short term.

Aside from the fact that oil from ANWR would hardly have an impact given America's large rate of consumption, any help that the 10.4 billion barrels of oil would give to escalating gas prices would likely come too late.

According to opponents of the drilling, sizeable quantities of oil would not be produced until a decade down the road, when oil prices may decrease or even bottom out. Oil prices are rising now, not 10 years from now, and drilling in ANWR would not help in the present.

Not surprisingly, those most in favor of drilling in ANWR include Alaska's two Republican senators, Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski. This is not surprising because drilling in the refuge would help Alaska's economy and increase state revenues. Alaskan citizens who reside in the area surrounding ANWR also support drilling, due in no small part to the increase in jobs and upswing in the local economy that drilling would create. But these same citizens have also expressed concern over the potential ecological impact on ANWR. That drilling in ANWR is not only a national issue but a local one only complicates the debate pitting environmentalists against those who favor potentially lowering oil prices.

The measure providing for drilling in ANWR does not guarantee that such

drilling will take place. This is because the provision was attached to the Senate's budget bill as an amendment, meaning no drilling would be approved until a national budget is passed.

Attaching such a controversial amendment to an important piece of legislation is irresponsible of Republicans, as it may result in the sinking of the budget bill. By including the amendment, Republicans have practically invited Democrats to tack on additional amendments meant to stop the bill's passage. The endgame of this conflict may result in a stalemate on drilling in ANWR and the delay of a national budget, which may not be passed in time for the fiscal year.

Seven Republican senators joined Democrats in attempting to remove the ANWR amendment from the budget, losing the vote 51 to 49. Such a vote shows the volatility of the issue and highlights its importance.

Drilling in ANWR would help the local economy of Alaska and create jobs, but it will do so at the expense of nature and would likely have little effect on current oil prices and America's dependence on foreign oil.

A better plan of action to improve America's energy security would be to increase conservation, provide tax breaks for hybrid cars and increase funding for finding alternative fuel sources. In the end, when all the political griping is over, the most lasting consequence of drilling in ANWR will be the ruin of one of the last areas of pristine nature in the United States. John Muir must be rolling in his grave, as if he wasn't already.

An in-depth look at Loyola's housing selection

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possible," Brown said. "As adults, students have responsibility as well as our staff."

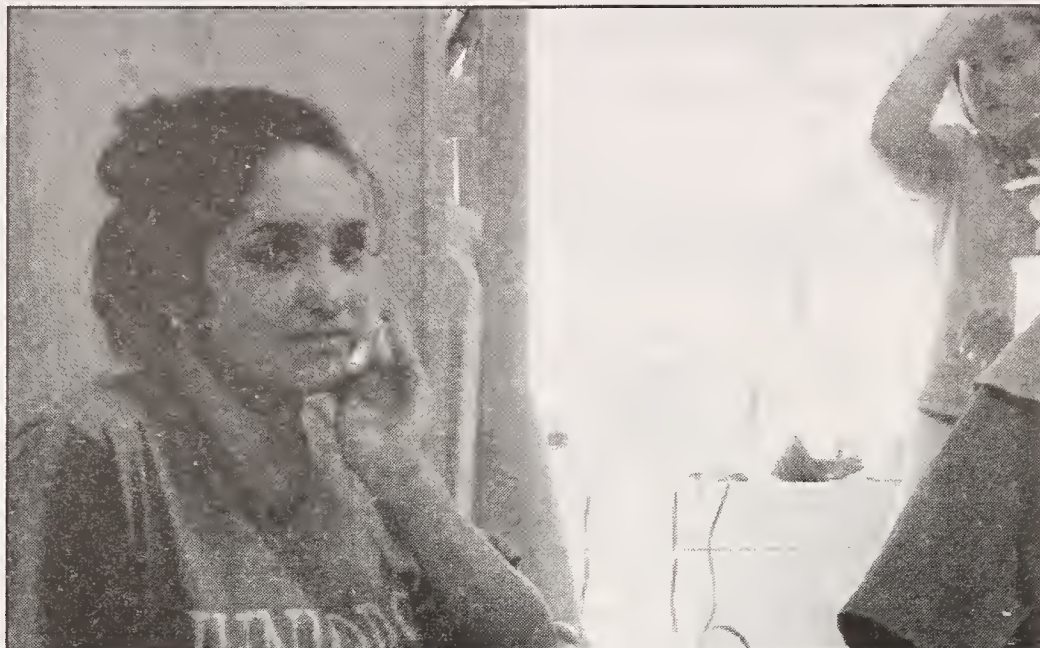
When everything was cleared up, and I'd latched onto a six-person room, I waited for the RoomRez confirmation in my e-mail. And waited, and waited. Knowing that -- for whatever reason -- I would be deleted from housing if I did not complete this form by 11 p.m., I began to worry. It did not appear in my mailbox until the following morning.

I called Student Life, and they told me that if I came to the office to complete the confirmation there, they could manually undelete me from the list of unconfirmed students. When I arrived, they gave me my password, which I'd forgotten. I entered it. It didn't work. I entered it again. It failed again. From her office, fortunately, Associate Director of Student Life Sarah Mansfield was finally able to fix whatever the problem had been. Mercifully, my housing was at last confirmed.

The problems with housing haven't been limited to room selection, though that has been the main source of trouble. Mike Kabash, a senior who thought his days of housing-related stress were over, was forced to leave his apartment last month when his roommate's RA status was revoked.

When Kabash inquired as to why his roommate's transgressions would also

force him out of his apartment, Assistant Director of Student Life Gabrielle Hilson told him that the only candidate available to fill in as RA was female. Skeptical, Kabash questioned this. According to Kabash,



This past September, many freshmen were forced to live in rooms that were formerly lounges; the recent housing selection shows that rooms continue to be at a premium.

Hilson then changed her story, saying only that this female was the choice of Student Life, and he would have to move. In addition, Student Life did not offer Kabash an alternative apartment until he requested assistance.

Asked to verify or negate the story, Hilson commented only that "as an

employee of the college, I am asked to make some decisions that can many times be disappointing to students. While I try to make the best decisions for all involved, inevitably someone either feels or is

the incident occurred that by agreeing to live with an RA, he was making himself vulnerable to unforeseeable circumstances like these, but he does not remember agreeing to anything -- at least not in any technical, contractual terms. His most vivid memory at the moment is being made to leave an apartment as punishment for someone else's mistake -- a choice Student Life, evidently, chose to make rather than had to -- and not being given a place to live until requested.

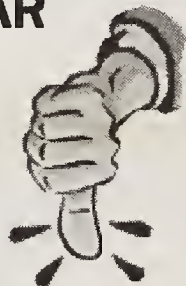
Last Wednesday night, the saga continued, as 11 more groups of sophomores were unable to select housing, and stand in serious danger of having none next year.

"Our goal is to provide a system that will make the process easier for students," Brown said. "For what we wanted to do this year, it has been successful and will only get better. The glitches have been minor at best."

This may be a matter of opinion. As angry as I may seem -- and I am -- I do understand the pressure on Student Life and the events over which they may not have complete control. I have respect for Leonard Brown -- he listened to my complaints and was nice enough to answer my questions. I believe in self-responsibility and high moral standards, and to a point, it is the job of the students to look out for themselves.

But the fact is that too many students -- myself included -- have done this, have taken steps to ensure a smooth process, have spoken to the necessary people and have worked the necessary hours, and have still been denied what they deserved. That is a sign of a system whose glitches are far heavier than "minor at best."

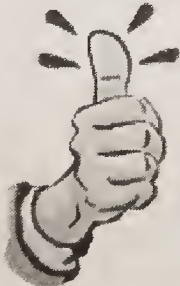
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March Madness -- There's nothing like the sweet spring morning sound of Dicky V's voice screaming at you on "Sportscenter." The golden opportunity to lose \$10 in another NCAA bracket pool is already among us. And to think that you probably would have had a shot if you didn't stick Syracuse in the Final Four again this year. And imagine, some of the players that we are watching are younger than us.

Battle of the Bands -- Like we've said before, there are some talented musicians at this school, and Battle of the Bands allows them to "strut their stuff" and show whose the best of the best. We're willing to bet the performances at this event might actually get people to move ... and not to tears like some other musical events that will soon be blasting on Loyola's evergreen lawns. The battle was one of the few chances that some Loyola students get to live the rock star life ... even if it's for less time than half a Simpsons episode.

St. Patrick's Day -- St. Patrick's Day never disappoints in the college world. It's one of the most hysterical, sloppiest days on the academic calendar, and it should stay that way for years to come. Even if you're 0 percent Irish, it's the one day of the year that you can wear green and drink Guinness with pride. Also, for future reference, don't listen to campus-wide rumors that popular Loyola liquor stores have run out of Guinness, when in reality they have more than enough to compensate an entire building full of "fighting Irish" students.



Steroids in Baseball -- Last week, a few of baseball's greatest players, and Jose Conesco, took the stand at a Congressional hearing to discuss illegal steroids. Mark McGwire repeatedly stated that he was not there "to talk about the past."

OK, Big Mac, let's talk about your future! How are you planning to remove the gigantic Balco tumor from your body? It is unfortunate that some of our own sports heroes have/had resorted to taking illegal drugs to amp up their game. It is a true testament to where athletes' motivations are.

Million Dollar Baby's hype -- *Million Dollar Baby* was declared Movie of the Year by many and won the Academy Award for Best Actress, Best Picture and Best Director. Upon seeing the movie, it doesn't hold a candle to Eastwood's prior directing gem *Mystic River*, which won its own handful of awards the year before.

If you're looking for another, better acted incarnation of *Rocky* with a female in Stallone's place, you've been misled. Without giving anything away, the true content of the last half of the movie is shown nowhere in its commercials or ads, and it's not fun to watch.

The day after St. Patrick's Day -- On the morning of March 18, birds were chirping, the sun was shining, and Loyola was painted green. Unfortunately, the campus color was not for the festivities the day before but rather the result of them ... and a wicked hangover.

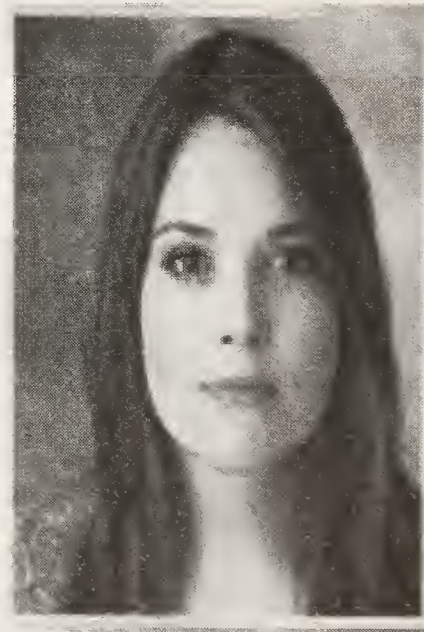
inconvenienced."

"I didn't do anything wrong," Kabash said. "And if they wanted me to work with them, they could have done their part to accommodate me a little better. If they were going to make me leave when they had the option not to, the least they could have done was made it less of a hassle."

Hilson went on to comment that "I empathize with [Mike] ... I made my best efforts to accommodate his needs, but it sounds unfortunately as though he is unaware of that."

Kabash was unaware; he was told when

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Life is about choices, if we can make them

Lately, I'm finding myself crippled by the tiniest of decisions. The looming prospect of grad school decisions, career decisions and life altering decisions is tainting my everyday life and rendering me incapable

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of making the tiniest, most insignificant choices. I'm not even sure what I want to write about in this article; I have several ideas, but I can't pick one. What follows, therefore, is a cornucopia of ideas, none of which merit a full article, but all of which might be enough for a vignette -- or maybe not. I can't decide.

1. My lack of decisiveness. At lunch time at Boulder, I will stand in between the grill and the wraps for a few minutes. Next I'll mosey over to the pizza place, then go have a look at the wraps again, contemplate the salad bar and finally give up and take a walk over to Salsa Rico and get a quesadilla. Then comes the soda option. It used to be easy: Dr. Pepper, no question, no debate. But those insidious Sodhexo folk have robbed our fair campus of this bubbly beverage. To add insult to injury, they've slapped a "Cherry Pepsi" sticker on the fountain button, which only covers half of the Dr. Pepper decal. This is like a hang-nail being dunked in a lemon juice/cayenne pepper solution: Do they honestly think we're so moronic that we will forget Dr. Pepper once quenched our thirst in a rebellious, third-

party-soda-company way? I call for a revolution.

While waiting for my saccharine revolution to commence, I must eat, which brings us back to the pop-quandary. I don't like Cherry Pepsi. I don't like fake iced tea. I don't really like Pepsi either, and God knows a caffeine-free beverage is just not a viable option. So I end up getting the quesadilla, walking back to Boulder and getting a juice.

I'm sure I'm not alone in my inanity. I see several other senior friends taking a good 10 minutes to pick their dinner. You can see us, staring dazedly at the photographic grill menu on the verge of tears.

2. Sexual Diversity Awareness Week. There have been times I have been embarrassed to be an American, such as learning of Abu Ghraib while I was in Italy. There have been times I have been embarrassed to be a Loyola student: when

"It's not so much what happens to us, it's how we choose to react to what happens to us."

— Tori Woods

the college acts like the Lord of Baltimore and wantonly tramples of the serf-residents' vehement opposition to our expansion. But I must say I have never been prouder to be a member of the Loyola community than I was after Monday night's panel, "On Being Gay in Non-Gay Places." The speakers were candid, honest, compassionate and hysterical. Their willingness to share their stories with our community, to truly put themselves out there, is commendable, and

Loyola is commendable for hosting such an event. Spectrum and all three speakers win my award for Heroes of the Week, and I was thrilled to learn that almost 180 people attended the event. Where else could I learn that coming out of the closet is akin to union removal surgery?

3. The communication department. I feel the need to rise to the defense of the department that has been my academic home for four years and which will hopefully grant me a degree in a few months. It has been under fire recently, and I must speak on its behalf. The professors and staff in this department are caring, dedicated individuals who have helped so many people become fabulous, unique writers, dedicated to expressing their thoughts in a meaningful way. True, many of these teachers are hard to actually locate outside of class. This is because they are always scampering around, picking up visiting authors, caring for their children, and doing their own writing, because the majority of our professors are also active, contributing professionals in the field.

I will recount this anecdote for demonstration. After the Modern Masters Series Reading where Andrew Hudgins shared his critically acclaimed poetry, I remained behind to ask him to sign my book. Milling around the fishbowl was another published author, who had visited my Senior Seminar class the previous week, as well as five Loyola Writing faculty members. As I was chatting, I realized I was in a congress of seven published authors with whom I was having actual conversations. This just doesn't happen at most schools, and Loyola and the communication department deserves plaudits for this

dedication to individual experience. And don't pluralize us.

4. Choices. Viktor Frankl, Holocaust survivor, wrote, "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms -- to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." I was thinking about this, and although you might suspect I would groan, "Great, another choice!" it truly is inspirational. It puts into perspective all of these imminent decisions. Grad school, law school, dental school, teaching English in Bangladesh, becoming a Wall Street tycoon: it doesn't truly matter where we end up, it's what we do when we get there. It's not so much about what happens to us: it's how we choose to react to what happens to us. This is a liberating thought: we ultimately have control over our destiny, and we can and will become happy, successful people, regardless of the path we take to get there.

Now, if I could only figure out what to have for dinner.

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It's the most wonderful time of the year

In Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*, an astrologer forewarned the Roman Emperor, "Beware the Ides of March." Caesar was

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stabbed by his supposed colleague Brutus, died on March 15, was mourned and eulogized by his Roman people and then became immortalized in Little Caesar's pizza commercials.

For the rest of us non-Roman emperors, March is the greatest month of the year, hands down. For the large Irish and Irish-wannabe contingent on our campus, it is looking forward to kegs and eggs and green beer. More than a week ago, it was enjoying spring break with my buddies in a warm climate and watching my one friend fall backwards down a flight of stairs while drunk on a booze cruise.

But the best reason to love March is undoubtedly the NCAA tournament and March Madness. There is no other sporting event held anywhere in the entire world more beautifully democratic than this tournament. Whether you are an ACC powerhouse or a tiny school from Utah playing in the Mountain West Conference, you can still end up vying for a chance at the national championship.

Let's look at why this tournament is so much better than all other sports championships. The NBA finals? They go on until June, and unless you are obsessed

with the Lakers or Spurs, you could hardly care less. The World Series? Granted in recent years, these have been extremely compelling to watch. But I'm fed up with hearing about Jose Canseco and Yankee/Red Sox hatred. And let's not even get into college football's Bowl Championship Series. What a bunch of crap that is. Thank God there was the Ashlee Simpson disaster to make that USC blowout more exciting.

Then there is the NCAA basketball tournament. There are the buzzer beaters and upsets that we look forward to watching each year come tournament time. There's Bryce Drew's three-pointer lifting Valpo over Ole Miss back in 1998. There's Tyus Edney's coast-to-coast layup at the buzzer

year in the second round? Or the 1985 Villanova Wildcats team who played "the perfect game" to beat a Patrick Ewing-led Georgetown?

It's made up of unpaid, amateur athletes dreaming their whole lives about hitting the winning shot to make it to the Final Four. It's about getting goose bumps every time you watch Christian Laettner hit a jumper from the foul line at the buzzer in the 1992 regional final against Kentucky, in probably the greatest college game every played.

It's Bo Kimble from Loyola Marymount's 1990 squad shooting foul shots with his left hand, commemorating the recent death of teammate Hank Gathers, who died on the court from a heart attack.

and then thinking about his "Never Give Up" speech 10 years later before he succumbed to cancer.

It's about a scrawny kid from the streets of Baltimore, Juan Dixon, who lost both his parents to drugs and who was told he was too small to play high-caliber Division I basketball. All he ever did was become the University of Maryland's all-time leading scorer and tournament MVP, leading the Terps to a title in 2002.

What makes these stories so incredible is that they are played out by kids the same age as you and I, fighting for the name on the front of the jersey and not for the name on the back. The images of the NBA and MLB have been tarnished greatly over the past few months, and pro football has its fair share of Randy Moss and Terrell Owens-types to keep some fans turned off. This is why I say there's no greater sporting event that exists -- nothing as heart-rending, euphoria-inducing and goose bump-producing -- than the NCAA tournament.

It is now week two of the 2005 tournament, and Vermont has knocked off Syracuse while Bucknell from the Patriot League upset Kansas. Perhaps you have dropped \$50 on five different brackets and are certain that your pick of Villanova over North Carolina in the Sweet 16 will make you rich. But regardless of this, you watch because of the impending drama that will unfold.

While I'm incredibly bitter my Maryland Terrapins did not make the tournament this year, you can still find me glued to my TV set on Thursday, preparing for more memories that make this tournament the best there is. Beware the Ides of March? I guess only if you are a fan of the perennially underachieving Cincinnati Bearcats!



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Nevada's junior center Chad Bell knows the feeling of being a March bracket buster.

that ultimately led to a UCLA title in 1995. In terms of upsets, who can forget UAB taking down powerhouse Kentucky last

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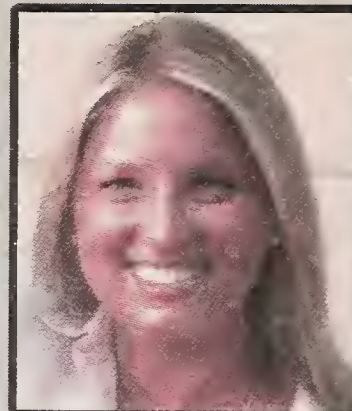


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Wheaton launches the Next Generation of blogs

To boldly go where few have cared ever to go, successfully I might add. That is the mission of one blogger, Wil Wheaton. I need not explain to the geeks reading exactly who

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this 30-something actor turned online success is, but for the rest of the population who did not join the crew of the Enterprise as they went where few have gone before ... you're getting the idea, right?

Star Trek, yes, Star Trek -- he played Wesley Crusher on the hit show "Star Trek: The Next Generation." Now that we have the stigma attached to Wheaton, we can move past it. While he was voted the most annoying character of the show by the many viewers with blackened hearts, his blog is both catching and an excellent read.

In my opinion, most blogs suck. They are just awful. They are nothing more than a forum for some hapless loser to complain about how much they don't like the color of their hair or that their mommy doesn't love them enough. Or worse, and this is beyond my worst of pet peeves, some bloggers complain about their jobs. Shoot me now (actually don't). Still, a few step forward out of this mist of crap and offer the reader something worth their while.

But how can this be? How could a former Star Trek actor, a geek for the love of God, be one of those select few? He's a geek. I

can hear the shrieks of horror. Well, Wheaton is damn fine with being just that. He is a geek, a self-loving and proclaimed one. He starts you right off the bat with that fact before hurling you way into the left field of his life.

In much the same way all bloggers do, he fills you in on his life -- cats (or dogs), laundry mishaps, embarrassing incidents and the occasional political rant. What sets Wheaton ahead of the curve, in fact on an entirely different part of the whole road, is that he can actually write.

One would assume that this is a both necessary and abundant characteristic of these self-proclaimed writers, but one would be wrong, very wrong. Many of the blogs I have encountered have been a gross collection of errors, annoyances and just crappy, crappy writing. Because he is a published writer and talented, his blog soars above this oft-neglected pre-req.

But this is not all. There is indeed more to his blog. He brings us the behind the scenes that really exists. As you know, he is an actor. He goes on auditions and has starred in many Hollywood productions. His blog offers us a journalistic backstage pass, as it were, that is both presumably honest and interesting.

Swept away are the assumptions that acting is all glitz and glamour. We are able to see it for what it is: a job that he has to work very hard at to be successful. The cool thing is, we get to be there with him. His tightly written prose unlocks this scene for us and allows us to get swept into the narrative of his life.

Actually, you could describe his site, www.wilwheaton.net, as a type of reality-TV-meets-Internet blog. We are offered

something we would find interesting told in first person accounts served up deftly. And as a bonus, readers do not have to deal with the most annoying celebrity ever to grace this earth, Paris Hilton.

While the Internet that Al Gore gave us has become good for little more than e-mail, news and of course porn, Wheaton's site offers us something new and interesting to read, all the while not serving up anything too heavy or unappetizing.

The blog is nothing more than his life, thoughts and possible dreams. That's it. There's no headline news or wacked-out views on everything from politics to potato subsidies.

So maybe we aren't looking at the next Matt Drudge (as though that might be his goal), but we are looking at a good read, and that's enough for me. It's certainly more than we get from about 99 percent of all blogs out there.

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- NCAA March Madness (19%)
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Advocate exec delivers sexual diversity keynote

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI
MANAGING EDITOR

On Wednesday, March 16, 2005, Judy Wieder, corporate editorial director and former editor in chief of *The Advocate*, spoke to an audience of 200 listeners about her work as a musician, journalist and editor, historical benchmarks for homosexuals in the United States, and the play between the media and the gay community.

Wieder's lecture, "The Changing Image of Gay: How Pop Culture and the Media Have Influenced America's Perception of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) Individuals," was the keynote speech in the Sexual Diversity Awareness Week, which was held from March 14-17.

Following her talk, Wieder answered questions from the audience and spoke to listeners individually. Wieder talked about her time working as a journalist for *Creem* magazine, comparing her experience to the main character's in the movie *Almost Famous* and describing how perception and discrimination has changed over the years.

Wieder, who joined the staff of *The Advocate* -- the nation's largest gay lifestyle magazine -- as

the arts and entertainment editor in 1993, became the publication's first female editor in chief in 1996.

To audience members who asked about how to respond to prejudice, Wieder advised gay and non-gay individuals to not tolerate unjust treatment of others.

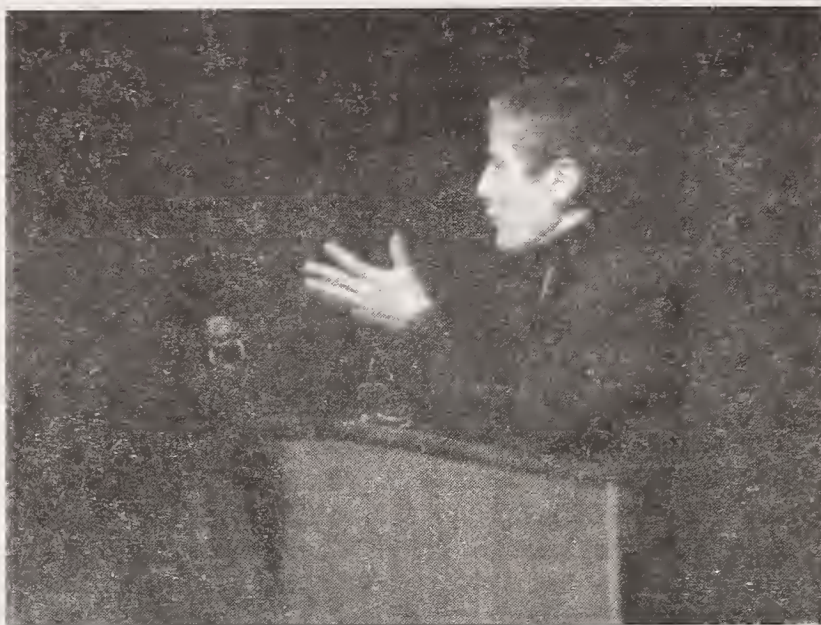
"It is important not to let anything go by and to object to anyone being treated as less than a normal person," Wieder said.

In her tenure at *The Advocate*, she listed the issue in which Chastity Bono came out as which she is most proud of, adding that *The Advocate* actually coined the term "coming out" in the issue when Melissa Etheridge announced she was a lesbian.

"[Chastity Bono] was young but her coming out was very important to young people," Wieder said.

Another issue that Wieder said she was especially proud of was the one immediately following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Profiling homosexual people who were killed that day, the issue delved into the additional complications that resulted from their deaths.

"Friends were running back to their apartments and clearing out anything that would show that



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Judy Wieder of *The Advocate* speaks at Loyola during Sexual Diversity Awareness Week. Her appearance was only one of several events held during the four-day awareness series.

[those killed] were gay," Wieder said. This was because in many instances the parents of the victims were unaware that their child was gay.

The articles also forced the partners of those killed to essentially come out for the whole world. In particular, Wieder remembered Mark Bingham, who was one of the people who took on their abductors on Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

"We collected in about 10 days

about 10 people," Wieder said. "We got so much great feedback for that issue."

Wieder said that for the gay community, *The Advocate* has served to document gay history. Whereas a family would teach a child about their culture, gay individuals must find and develop their own community, and aiding in this development becomes the primary purpose of gay lifestyle publications like *The Advocate*.

In addition, the magazine helps

to ensure equal rights for those with all sexual orientations, a goal that has radically progressed in the last few decades but has recently been challenged, Wieder said.

"[For] a president to want to use the constitution to take rights away," Wieder said, is disconcerting.

The challenge to make sure that all people are treated equally remains.

"People are afraid that girls will act like boys and boys will act like girls," Wieder said of prejudice against gay individuals.

If this fear didn't exist, "then people could end up being happy, and we just can't have that," she joked.

Last Tuesday, a town hall meeting, entitled "Sexuality in the Scriptures," was hosted by Fr. Daniel Ruff, the director of Campus Ministry, and Rabbi Mona Decker, rabbi emeritus of the Bolton Street Synagogue and chaplain at the University of Maryland.

Monday, March 14, seniors Jenny Lumpkin and Rob Martiniello and George Miller, the associate director of Campus Ministry, comprised a panel that discussed what's it like to be gay, lesbian or bisexual on campus.

Party sets up shop on corner of originality and success



PHOTO COURTESY OF VICE RECORDS

Kele Okereke (second from the right) heads Bloc Party, whose debut *Silent Alarm* will very likely end up on a handful of year-end best-of lists. But pick it up and make your own call.

BY BRENDAN NOWLIN
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

Bloc Party - *Silent Alarm*
2005 Vice Records
★★★★ (out of 5)

Any given day/week/month/year, there is invariably a current "it" band that is touted to be the next big thing in [insert arbitrary name of genre here; affix prefixes like post-, pop- and art-]. They'll grace the covers of magazines like *Spin*, *Magnet*, maybe even *Rolling Stone* (even though the latter publication has become a bit of a rag), and the music video for their lead single will get pretty decent

airtime on MTV's collegiate offspring, MTVU.

Most of the time, the accolade is well-deserved and accurate; a lot of the bands are writing and performing some of the best music to ever come from New York (Interpol), Montreal (Arcade Fire) and South London (Bloc Party).

Silent Alarm, Bloc Party's impressive debut album, will undoubtedly catapult them onto the covers of the aforementioned magazines.

It's already happened across the pond in the United Kingdom, where the record was released last month. *NME*, albeit in a *Tiger Beat* fashion, has dubbed them "the

sound of 2005!"

Just what exactly *is* that sound, you ask? Well here come the obligatory comparisons. Their name has been placed alongside the likes of the Futureheads and Franz Ferdinand, and the band claims to be influenced by (or, as it's put on their Web site, "informed by") Joy Division, Talking Heads, Radiohead and Dizzee Rascal.

Really all Bloc Party should be thanking Franz Ferdinand for is the chance to play a gig with them in London. OK, so that move may have launched the band's career, but as far as comparing the two sound-wise, there's only a bit of a resemblance.

With their self-titled debut, Franz Ferdinand put out -- in many ways -- a dance album. It was very likeable, but in a pretty-on-the-outside kind of way. It lacked the atmospheric sounds and emotions of urgency that *Silent Alarm* is chock full of.

Singer/guitarist Kele Okereke sings about the darker sides of depression and doubt while Russell Lissack provides a guitar-driven soundscape, Matt Tong lays down frisky drum patterns and bassist Gordon Moakes plays along. Though Moakes' role is necessary to create the depth of the band's sound (he also co-writes some of the record's lyrics), the band is a self-proclaimed guitar band, so the hooks are based around Okereke and Lissack's efforts.

It is difficult to pick songs that

are worse than the rest on the album; it's a very consistent set that flows quite well. There are, of course, some standout tracks. "Like Eating Glass" opens the record with cries of despair: "It's so cold in this house," Okereke sings. "Open mouth swallowing us / The children sent home from school will not stop crying."

"So Here We Are" builds up to a climax full of fluttering guitars and overwhelming percussion, and "This Modern Love" peps things up a bit with a Stills-esque bridge complete with xylophonic cheer.

Here we have a band whose music exudes an element of depth that isn't heard in much of today's "hottest" acts but whose members are unassuming enough to name Weezer as one of their influences.

Judging from the last couple "efforts" (let's use that term loosely) from Rivers Cuomo, however, maybe he should listen to some Bloc Party and aim to be influenced by *them*.

Bloc Party will play the Black Cat in Washington, DC on Saturday, April 9. The Ponys will also perform.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Students in the band Full Throttle perform at WLOY's anniversary bash last Sunday. The event was held in celebration of the radio station's creation two years ago. Grammy-winner Toots and the Maytals also performed.

The Ring Two is a typical sequel letdown

By KEVIN DUGAN
ASSISTANT ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

Rating:
3 out of 7 Dugans

In the case of most sequels, it is a hit-or-miss kind of situation. For *The Ring Two* it is no different, and it does a bang-up job of missing the mark entirely. An attempt to take the audience in a new direction with this film confuses the audience and causes the shaking

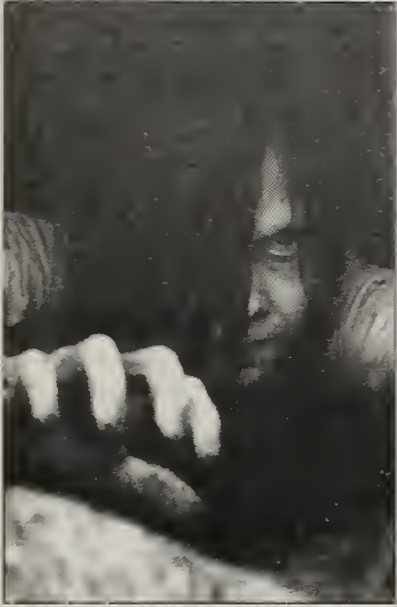


PHOTO COURTESY OF DREAMWORKS

Samara tries climbing her way out of the well and into our world in *The Ring Two*.

of angry fists.

I know a lot of people have been really anticipating this film. The main thing you need to realize is that what made *The Ring* so good was that it came out of nowhere, leaving the audience quivering in

puddles of urine. This sequel has no such luck. The trailer has been poking around for far too long, building up such large expectations that could only lead to an even bigger letdown.

Being distributed now with *The Ring* DVD is a short film called *The Rings*. It is a pretty small production but serves as a good transition for the sequel. The story is about a group of teenagers who begin fooling around with the cursed tape and passing it around from person to person. It is from this point where *The Ring Two* picks up in its storyline.

The dangerous antics of the teens have brought the tape into the small suburb where Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) and her son Aiden (David Dorfman) have moved to escape the tape and the evil girl, Samara.

After discovering Rachel and Aiden, Samara attempts to enter the world by taking over Aiden's body. Soon he becomes deathly ill, and Samara begins to see Rachel as her own mother. Rachel then has to go to extreme lengths to rid the world of Samara forever.

The idea behind the plot is by far the most chilling part of the whole movie. The kid Aiden is scary enough already, let alone when he has an evil spirit trying to take over his body. The possibilities are endless for what Samara could do if she managed to permeate our world. This unlimited potential given to *The Ring Two* was squandered, however, on lame plot twists and



PHOTO COURTESY OF DREAMWORKS

Naomi Watts discovers that her son has been taken over by a cursed spirit in *The Ring Two*. She tries everything from shaking him to bathing him to set him free.

boring themes.

Dorfman, the child actor playing Aiden, is the male equivalent of Dakota Fanning. He does well at remaining a constant figure of unsettlement for the audience in this movie, just like the first.

Watts also remains pretty stagnant in the kind of performance she gives. Her "Oh crap!" face seems to be as first-class as it was in the original. In this movie her character is given a certain kind of furious flair and does a satisfactory job of playing it off.

The failure of the movie rests entirely in the hands of those who

wrote the screenplay. The original actors, as well as the Japanese director of the movie *Ringu* -- which *The Ring* was based upon -- clearly could not enough keep the nonsense of *The Ring Two* afloat. Deep themes between family as well as isolation, depression and abandonment were brought into the movie at very shallow levels and only manage to take away from the shock value of the production.

I am not completely blinded by my disappointment in seeing this film; there are some rather amazing special effects. The overall ghastriness and shock, or what I

like to call the "Fecal Factor," of Samara does remain at an all-time high. If only the point of a movie were to have incredibly poor writing while having equally awesome special effects, then *The Ring Two* would reign supreme.

What *The Ring Two* boils down to being is a sub-par sequel to a great movie. The only scares result from riding the coattails of the original, except the few produced by the special effects.

The only reason I could advise for going is if you are a fan of cheap thrills. Do not go if you are a lover of *The Ring*; it will only make you die a little on the inside.

Battle of the Bands to return in April

By ALISON KOENTJE
STAFF WRITER

On April 10, Loyola will hold the third annual Battle of the Bands in McGuire Hall. The competition is a precursor to Loyolapalooza, which will be held on May 1 on the quad.

At the battle, six bands will be competing for two open spots in Loyolapalooza.

Last year's winners, All Grown Up and Geary for President, have automatic bids for the battle, which allows them to skip the audition process that will yield the other bands in the battle's line-up.

Both events are being put together by Loyola's Student Government Association and are led by senior Bryan Vastano, the SGA's director of social affairs.

After the controversy regarding originality surrounded last year's competition, Vastano and his team decided to make it mandatory that each band play at least two original songs in their set.

"Any group of decent musicians can do covers, but we want to reward originality," Vastano said.

A panel of four judges, a mix of Loyola students and faculty, will choose the two winners of the Battle. Current SGA President Blair Puscas, senior Matt Montemurno and mathematics professor

Elizabeth Walters are already set to judge.

The SGA is currently seeking a fourth judge after finding out that their desired pick, men's basketball coach Jimmy Patsos, could not attend the event due to a scheduling conflict.

Tickets for the battle will be \$5 with all proceeds going towards two local charities, the Police Athletic League and the Mary Francis Cunningham After-School Program.

Located on York Road, PAL provides tutoring and recreation for at-risk youth, while Mary Francis Cunningham, located in southwest Baltimore, provides mentoring for second and third grade children. Both agencies have Loyola volunteers on their staffs.

Complete with inflatables and food, Loyolapalooza is set to be a huge event on campus this spring, especially since the show is for Loyola students only.

April's Battle of the Bands "will get the ball rolling" for what looks to be "a real good time," according to Vastano.

The two battle winners will join Chris Carraba of Dashboard Confessional fame and former members of Taking Back Sunday, now called Straylight Run, on stage May 1 at Loyolapalooza.

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JASON LAM'S LATEST PICKS



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Though he is by no means a new kid (OK, adult) on the block, Beck's newest album (*Guero*) is fresh enough to keep his name on the tongues of music fans.

Beck

Label: Geffen Records

You know who he is. Beck (three-time Grammy winner) has been one of the most innovative and original musicians since the mid-'90s with the breakout of his infectious single, "Loser." Since then, Beck has put out landmark records, most notably the platinum *Mellow Gold* and the double-platinum *Odelay*. Reuniting with the Dust Brothers, Beck has come back with the good old fashioned "two turntables and a microphone." *Guero* has everything you love about his past albums: hand clapping, rapping, na na na's, eccentric power ballads and he even samples the Beastie Boys in his single "E-Pro." If you watch "The OC" religiously like I do, you have heard snippets from *Guero* in the past two episodes. Beck + "The OC" = Happy Lam.

Phoenix

Label: Astralwerks

Long before their single "Too Young" was featured in the cult hit *Lost in Translation*, the French four-piece were making waves over in Paris with their disco/dance/rock-synth sound. Guitarist Branco Mazzalai was in Darlin' -- the indie act that spawned French DJ-duo Daft Punk. With any Phoenix record you put on your headphones, whether it be *United* or their latest release, *Alphabetical*, you can be sure to feel refreshed, carefree and maybe even a little country. I mean, they acted as the backing band for fellow French electronica icons Air. That alone should be enough reason to take a listen. Phoenix is currently on a double-bill U.S. tour with Scottish buzz band Dogs Die In Hot Cars. They will grace the 9:30 club in Washington, DC on March 31.



BALTIMORE YOUTH SPEAK OUT ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, March 22 - McGuire Hall, 7 p.m.

Loyola College in Maryland is proud to host an event bringing together students, education advocates, and youth-made media to explore how students can influence continuing efforts to improve their schools. Youth and adult panelists will launch a discussion of the issues, with videos and photographs by youth from Wide Angle Community Media and Critical Exposure to provide visual inspiration. Panelists include youth from the Algebra Project, CLIA's Baltimore Youth Congress, Wide Angle Community Media, and concerned adults.

For directions or more information about the "Putting Justice in Education" series at Loyola College, go to www.loyola.edu/education/justice or call 410-617-2998.

The "Putting Justice in Education Series" is made possible through the support of Black Faculty, Administrators, and Staff Association, Catholic Studies, College Diversity Committee, Center for Values and Service, Education Department, Education for Life, Office of Academic Affairs and Diversity and Student Activities.

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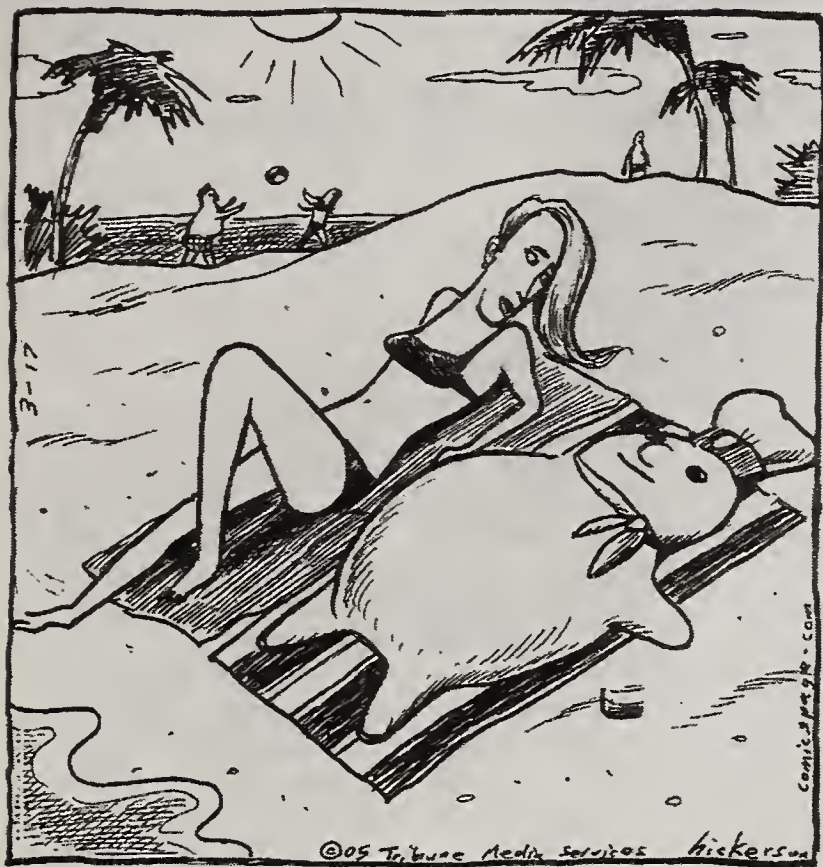
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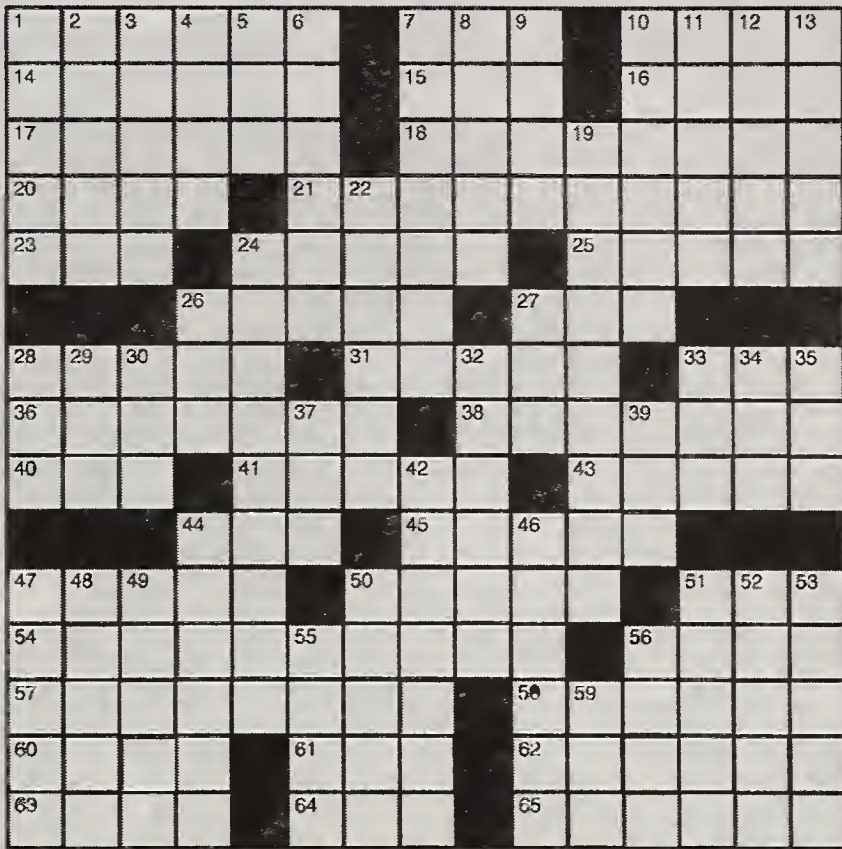
You Are Here By Aaron Warner



Kenny's mom always made his lunch.

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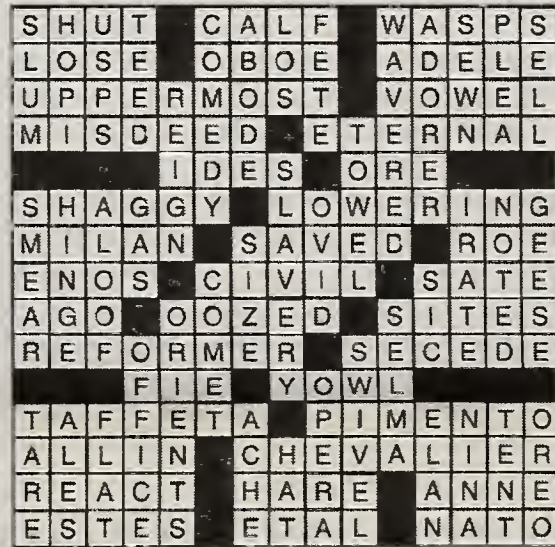
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Solutions to last issue's puzzle



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Aries (March 21-April 20) Over the next eight days, payment increases or revised duties will require consistent discussion:

necessary team disruptions. Later this week, a strong physical attraction may be difficult to resist. Respond with caution: rare social triangles and private information are also accented.

HOROSCOPES By Lasha Seniuk/KRT

refuse to settle for repeated contracts or predictable daily routines. Late this week, a romantic introduction may quickly lead to newfound passion.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Long-term friends now expect your undivided attention and social loyalty. After Monday, delayed plans or late cancellations will trigger minor disagreements. Offer only limited support: at present, friends or lovers may make unrealistic demands or ask for a full description of private feelings.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Before Wednesday, new colleagues may cause un-

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Work mates and close friends will offer unexpected romantic advice over the next eight days. Age appropriate relationships, fast proposals or past social history may be a prime concern. Stay balanced and avoid lengthy public discussions: before April, emotional decisions are best kept private.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) After Monday, expect loved ones to offer minor observations or gentle criticism. Accept all with genuine affection: at present, close relatives need to witness their suggestions and needs as valid. Late Thursday, a complex social or romantic relationship may begin an intense

phase of emotional doubt. Friends and lovers will expect new promises and sincere answers: provide support and acceptance.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Beginning early this week, loved ones will support private or controversial career plans. After several weeks of doubt or misinformation, family agreement is now possible. Find creative ways to explain new employment or financial proposals: your insights and social diplomacy will be greatly appreciated.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Bold romantic compliments may be surprising this week: after Tuesday, expect previously silent friends or colleagues to voice strong opinions. Avoid appearing socially embarrassed, disinterested or shocked: your response may be important to the confidence of potential lovers.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In the coming weeks, past mistakes or uncompleted tasks will be

reassigned: expect fast policy changes or new job titles to create controversy. Late this week, a friend or lover may reverse a recent family decision.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An older relative may soon ask for special consideration: over the next four days, expect emotional outbursts, strained relations or minor health issues to require added diplomacy. Wednesday through Saturday, a close friend may demand detailed explanations of cancelled plans. Respond with genuine concern: humor will not be appreciated.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) In the coming weeks, your gentle romantic wisdom will be greatly admired by loved ones. After Monday, difficult emotional decisions will require subtle responses and detailed evaluation. Your insights will be accurate and helpful: ask probing questions and provide a clear description of your own experience.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Group or family plans are this week scattered and unpredictable. Monday through Thursday, expect friends, colleagues or close relatives to present unrealistic time schedules or fast social reversals. Remain dedicated to short-term arrangements: others will eventually follow your guidance.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Early this week, new job applications also work to your advantage. Present clearly defined ideas, detailed responses and a confident attitude: acceptance and fast promotions will soon be an ongoing theme.

If your birthday is this week ... Someone close will soon ask for more freedom or propose controversial home changes. Planetary alignments now suggest that relationships strained over the past four months will now either evolve or fade. By late May, a new era of social expansion, renewed sensuality or romantic exploration will begin.



Wagner, St. John's prove no match for Hounds



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Senior attackman Matt Monfett carries the ball against a pair of St. John's defenders. Loyola topped the Red Storm 6-3 last Saturday in the teams' first meeting since 1989.

By TERRY FOY
SPORTS EDITOR

Loyola's men's lacrosse team had its most successful week to date, improving to 2-3 on the strength of a 6-3 win over Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference foe St. John's and a 13-7 win over Wagner last Tuesday.

Coming into Saturday's game without midfielders Paul Richards and Dan Bauers, as well as attackmen Shane Koppens and Pat Shek the Greyhounds found offense from six different players

while leading scorer junior Matt Monfett was kept off the scoreboard.

"Offensively, we've really started to generate a lot of shots," said Loyola head coach Bill Dirrigl. "The disappointing part of today is, when you get 46 shots, you've got to score goals. I'm pleased with our offense because we're moving the ball well and cutting, but the name of the game is scoring goals."

The Red Storm, who came to Baltimore with a surprising 2-3 record in their first season since

the program was dropped in 1994, opened the scoring less than three minutes into the game when freshman midfielder Graeme Gillespie found himself isolated behind the Loyola cage and beat Hound keeper Michael Fretwell with a diving shot through the crease.

The Johnnies held onto a 1-0 lead throughout most of the first period on the strength of freshman goalkeeper Dave Saccente's excellent play, which produced seven of his 19 saves in the first quarter.

"I thought their goalie was excellent; I thought he was the best player on the field for both teams today," Dirrigl said. "You've got to give him a lot of credit."

Senior attackman Chris Einhorn got Loyola on the board when he came open in front of the crease and sophomore midfielder Cory Coffman found him to knot the game at one with 3:29 remaining in the first quarter.

After a faceoff win from senior middle Jeff Russell, sophomore attackman Pat Kennedy put the Hounds ahead for good just over a minute later. Thanks to a sustained possession that featured good dodging and passing, sophomore middle Joe Landry found Kennedy who, like Einhorn, was open on the crease and able to finish with an accurate shot.

Loyola struck another blow against St. John's when Jordan Rabidou put in an unassisted goal with only nine seconds remaining in the first quarter. After Coffman's close-range shot was sent away by a sprawling Saccente, Rabidou was able to corral the ball and beat the keeper to the far side.

After senior defenseman Dan Gross went down with an injury early on, seniors Grant Halford and Matt Dupuis and junior Geoff Hunter stepped up in front of Fretwell, who finished with seven saves, to preserve the Loyola lead.

Helping the Hounds to be remarkably efficient clearing the ball, starting 13-13 and finishing 16-18, was sophomore long-stick middle Steven Hess, who is leading the team with 20 groundballs.

"This was the best we've cleared the ball since I've been here," Hess said. "Usually we struggle with that, and today it was our strong point. That kept a lot of pressure off of our defense and our goalie."

St. John's cut their deficit to 3-2 just four minutes before halftime when senior midfielder Mike McGuire beat Fretwell low, but sophomore middle Greg Leonard answered with a big right-handed shot from about 17 yards out to push Loyola's halftime lead to 4-2.

Landry opened up the second half with a sweeping left-handed goal 48 seconds into the third quarter to give Loyola its biggest lead and, after three more great saves from Saccente, sophomore midfielder Andrew Spack gave the Greyhounds another insurance goal.

The win was the first in the ECAC for the Hounds, making them 1-1 on the year. St. John's fell to 2-4, but their performance showed surprising sparkle for a first-year team sporting 28 freshmen out of 33 roster spots.

"People probably thought I was

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Terriers chomp Greyhounds 16-9

By MIKE TIRONE
ASSISTANT SPORT EDITOR

Last week Loyola's women's lacrosse team faced a handful of big-name teams to jump right into the thick of the season. Last Saturday, the women's team traveled to Boston University to take on the No. 17 Terriers at Nickerson Field and fell 16-9.

The Greyhounds opened up the back and forth first half by giving up a free-position goal to Jenny Hauser just after the one-minute mark. Answering back for Loyola was sophomore Kate McHarg who responded with a goal at the 2:36 mark to tie up the contest. The sophomore midfielder added another goal minutes later.

The Terriers then responded with an equalizer, 2-2. Maura Kenny broke the tie with a goal at the 13:43 mark. BU then went on a two-goal run to claim the 4-3 lead at 15:27. McHarg netted her third of the day to knot the game up once again on a free-position goal just after the 16th minute. Another free-position goal for BU gave them the lead, but not for long.

Rachel Shuck again tied the game up at five with an unassisted goal at 19:23. Freshman Kristen Stone followed Shuck's lead, and the Greyhounds regained the 6-5 lead. With only 6:15 left in the first

half, the game continued to go back and forth with the Terriers tying the game once again. Sydney Greene tacked on the last goal of the half for the Hounds, but that 7-6 lead wouldn't last long, as BU responded with a goal, going to the locker room tied at seven.

"Our first half was solid with draw controls and ground balls," said Loyola head coach Kerri O'Day. "BU outshot us by 12 shots though, and that really hurt us. We felt we shouldn't have lost the game."

Boston came out for the second half with a flare, scoring the first seven goals to take a commanding 14-7 lead with only 10:29 to play. The Hounds got a boost from Shuck after being held scoreless until the 55:35 mark when Kate Filippelli assisted on a goal.

The action heated up again when BU grabbed a goal at 56:58. Kenny tallied the last Greyhound goal of the game at 57:40, and BU responded with an insurance goal to end the game in a 16-9 loss for the Hounds.

The loss put the Hounds to 2-4 while the Terriers improved their undefeated record of 4-0.

McHarg led the way for the Hounds with three goals while Shuck reached a career milestone of 100 assists.



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Freshman Kate Filippelli splits two UMBC defenders in the Hounds' 20-8 romp on March 1. Filippelli has been a huge addition offensively for Loyola, scoring nine goals in six games.

"Rachel has a fantastic shot, and she always has the green light to shoot," O'Day said while discussing her senior captain. "Most defenders double up and slide to her that's when she gets the opportunity to feed more often rather than shoot."

The Hounds have become a team that has struggled in the second half. In their last five games, Loyola has been outscored 31-18 in the second stanza, raising questions about the effectiveness of the two-goalie system.

"I can see the concern, but you can't always fault the goalkeeper in that situation," O'Day said. "It's the entire defense that has to keep the other team from scoring."

Loyola's biggest test of the season came on March 13 as the Greyhounds traveled to New

Jersey and fell 15-9 to No. 2 Princeton. The Hounds seemed to be up to par with the Tigers in the first 30 minutes, knotting the score at 8-8 at halftime.

Shuck kicked off Loyola's scoring in the first two minutes, then Greene netted two, and McHarg added another to give Loyola a 4-1 lead. After the exchange of goals with Greene added one, Loyola pulled away with Kenny providing two goals to grab a 7-5 lead. But Princeton came back strong with three straight goals to take the 8-7 lead, and just before the half, Greene added one more to tie the game up before the whistle.

The second half was not as high-scoring as the first for the Greyhounds, as they only found the net three times. McHarg

started the second half off with a goal. Princeton went on a six-goal run which gave them a 14-9 lead, and they did not give any opportunities to make a comeback, holding the Hounds scoreless for almost 14 minutes until another McHarg goal. Filippelli added to the come back with a goal of her own to make it a 14-11 deficit, but after one more Tiger goal, the final came out to be 15-11.

The possession was once again key for Loyola, losing the ground ball advantage 22-18 but stepping up their draw controls to take the slight advantage, 14-13.

"Draw controls were very vital in that game, and they really mattered" O'Day said. "But we had a lapse in the second half where we went scoreless."

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Derby noses out win

By **BOB HINKEY**
STAFF WRITER

In the first round of the Kingsmill Invitational, the Loyola's men's golf team was frustrated as poor conditions led to some high scores. Freshman Chris Derby's round of 76 was the low round of the day for the team, while senior T.J. Shuart fired a 77 to finish close behind.

Matt Bassler registered a 78 in the tough conditions, but both freshman Nick Brassil and sophomore Will Shriver were unable to break 80. Brassil carded an 81 for his first round score. Shriver struggled and ended up with an uncharacteristic 86.

"As a team we got off to a bad start, but the conditions were difficult, it was tough to putt on the wet greens," Derby said.

The Loyola College golf team began its spring season with a second place finish at the 2005 Fort Lauderdale Invitational at Grand Oaks Golf Club, held on March 10 and 11.



Freshman Chris Derby earned medalist honors at the 2005 Fort Lauderdale Invitational with his stellar play last week.

The Greyhounds came into the tournament as the defending champions and were optimistic about repeating. Despite their shortcomings, the young team, which was starting freshman in three of its six slots, gained valuable experience, highlighted by Derby's medalist honors in the event.

On the first day, in very difficult conditions, the team scored a 298, leaving them in second place, six strokes behind Evansville. Loyola got stronger rounds from many of their players during the second round, as their 292 score was good enough to catch Evansville, but Gonzaga, who started the second day a stroke behind Loyola, scored a 286 to capture the tournament title.

Derby secured the tournament's individual title with a total score of two-over par 144. The win was the first collegiate victory for Derby, and his first tournament win of any kind in over a year.

"It feels great to have won the tournament; I put a lot of hard work into it," Derby said. "I just wish we could have won the team competition."

Shuart and Brassil also had strong tournaments. Both players struggled somewhat on Thursday, with Brassil carding a 77 and Shuart scoring a 76. Brassil finished strong on Friday, shooting 69, the low Loyola score in the tournament. Shuart was also under par on Friday, posting a 70. Their two-day totals of 146 earned them a tie for third.

Senior David Atkinson shot a 79 in the first round on Thursday and then added a strong score of 74 on Friday. Bassler and Shriver both had first round scores of 77. Bassler shot a 76 on the second day with Shriver scoring a 79.

The team has plenty of golf left to play in the season though. They have four more tournaments left in the season, including the MAAC championships, before they host the NCAA championships.

If the team wins the MAAC Championship this year, they will qualify for Regionals and give themselves a chance to play in the finals. Their road to the championships continues April 2, when they travel to Salisbury to compete in the Drew Upton Memorial Tournament.



Senior Dan Schimmel focuses on a ball at last Friday's match with Quinnipiac. The Hounds dropped the match 5-2 but dominated doubles play against the Bobcats.

Greyhounds split week

By **VERA STAMM**
STAFF WRITER

Loyola's men's tennis team beat LaSalle 5-2 last Saturday to improve to 2-2 on the week. The Greyhounds dropped matches to Quinnipiac, 5-2, on Friday at the Butler Courts and were swept by Maryland on Tuesday but topped Morgan State last Wednesday, 5-1.

Meanwhile, the women were also at 2-2 for the week after sweeping LaSalle, 7-0, and starting the week with a 6-1 win over Morgan State. The Hounds stumbled twice, however, getting swept by Quinnipiac last Friday and dropping last Wednesday's match to Delaware.

Sophomore Trevor McDonough led the way for the Hounds over the Explorers winning in straight sets. Senior Dan Schimmel teamed with freshman Ben Epstein to clinch the third doubles match and take the point for the Greyhounds.

The women's dominating performance was led by junior Amy Nitch, who matched McDonough's performance by claiming a straight-set victory in the top spot. At No. 2 singles, junior Jessica Libertore extended the Greyhound lead with her 6-3, 6-0 victory.

Last Friday's home opener didn't go as well as head coach Rick McClure and his squad would have liked.

For the men, the match against Quinnipiac was much closer than the score showed.

The Greyhounds won the doubles point with wins in all three of the matches. At No. 1 doubles, senior Nick Bowers and McDonough won a close 9-8 match, while the duo of freshman Scott Gannon and sophomore John Curran at No. 2 won their match, 8-4. The Greyhounds also took the No. 3 match, with senior Dan Schimmel and freshman Ben Epstein winning 8-5.

"Winning all three doubles matches was a big advantage for us; unfortunately we didn't fair as well in the singles matches," Bowers said.

Epstein notched the Greyhounds only singles victory at No. 6, winning 6-2, 7-5. At No. 1, McDonough dropped a close match, losing in a third set tie-breaker. In the nos. three and five matches, Schimmel and Curran also lost in three sets.

"It was a tough loss, especially since so many of the matches were so close," Bowers said.

The women's match wasn't as close. The Greyhounds were close at No. 3 doubles as senior Claire Najour and junior Stephanie Clay took the Quinnipiac team to a sixth tiebreaker before dropping the match 9-8.

The Greyhounds open up a homestand today as they host Mt. St. Mary's on the Butler Courts.

The next three matches will see Rider, Monmouth and Hofstra make the trip to Baltimore to serve up against Loyola, with the Broncos coming next Monday.

Women's track sprints out of the blocks at VCU

By **BRADY FITZGERALD**
STAFF WRITER

The women's track team traveled to Richmond, Va., last Friday to compete in the 2005 Ram Invitational hosted by Virginia Commonwealth University. The Greyhounds were up against tough competition, as participating schools included James Madison, Hampton, William and Mary and the Virginia Military Institute.

"This was a nice meet for us because it was good to be outside and really competitive against other schools," said

sophomore Maia Albano. "I think everyone had a feeling that we could do well, and that made the meet much better."

The best finish for the Greyhounds came from freshman Suzanne Mufareh in the javelin throw; Mufareh finished 21st out of 31 competitors with a toss of 19.26 meters. Mufareh also placed 31st in the shot put with a throw of 9.16 meters.

In the long jump competition, sophomore Lauren Anderson placed 23rd out of 37 competitors with a leap of 4.37 meters. Freshman Heather Mizzer placed in 26th in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 19.91

seconds. Sophomore Sarah Spencer placed in 28th in the 5000-meter dash with a time of 19:56.15.

Albano ran well in the 100- and 200-meter dash, finishing in 34th place in the 100-meter dash and 43rd out of nearly 70 runners in the 200 meter dash.

"I was able to work throughout the winter, so now to see that improvement in competition is really nice," Albano said.

Also running in the 100-meters was sophomore Liz Crichton who placed in 38th. In the 200 meter dash freshman Erica Granera finished in 50th place.

The 400 meter dash featured four Greyhounds. Freshman Johanna Larkin placed in 43rd. Sophomore Bridget Scanlan finished in 46th. Granera came in 50th, and freshman Amanda Nehring finished in 52nd.

Freshman Allison Riley competed in the 800-meter dash and finished in 37th place with a time of 2:42.18. In the 1500-meter dash freshman Bethany Gentry placed in 51st, and sophomore Jackie Gaines finished in 58th.

Next up for the Greyhounds is the Terrapin Invitational at College Park on April 2.

USILA MEN'S LAX TOP 10 as of 3/20/05				
Team	W	L	Points	Last Game
1. Johns Hopkins	4	0	199	beat #7 Syracuse
2. Virginia	6	0	190	beat Towson
3. Duke	7	0	181	beat North Carolina
4. Maryland	4	1	170	beat UMBC
5. Georgetown	4	1	149	beat Hobart
6. Navy	5	1	139	beat Colgate
7. Syracuse	1	3	128	lost to #1 Johns Hopkins
8. Army	3	1	115	beat Rutgers
9. Massachusetts	4	1	103	beat Brown
9. Notre Dame	3	1	103	beat Butler

IWLCA WOMEN'S LAX TOP 10 as of 3/20/05				
Team	W	L	Points	Last Game
1. Princeton	3	1	300	lost to #10 Penn State
2. Northwestern	7	0	283	beat California
3. Georgetown	4	1	271	lost to #5 Duke
4. North Carolina	6	2	254	lost to #6 Virginia
5. Duke	6	2	236	beat #3 Georgetown
6. Virginia	4	1	228	beat #4 North Carolina
7. Hofstra	5	1	203	beat Vanderbilt
8. Dartmouth	3	0	194	beat #9 Maryland
9. Maryland	5	3	183	lost to #8 Dartmouth
10. Penn State	5	1	159	beat #1 Princeton

THE GREYHOUND ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Senior
Matt Monfett

Senior lacrosse player Matt Monfett helped lead the Greyhounds to consecutive victories last week at Diane Geppi-Aikens Field. Last Tuesday, Monfett recorded four goals and an assist against Wagner, helping Loyola cruise to a 13-7 win for its first victory of the season. Four days later, Monfett helped control the ball for a Loyola attack that fired 48 shots en route to a 6-3 win over St. John's. Currently, Monfett leads the Greyhounds with nine goals and one assist on the season. He has also picked up 12 ground balls placing him fifth on the Hounds this year.

Hounds to host UMass

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crazy to be starting this program in the league that we're in, with Loyola, Georgetown, UMass and on and on, but it's exciting for me," said St. John's head coach Rick Sowell. "It's a challenge, but I suppose I'm a guy about challenges, and I wouldn't have come here if I didn't feel we could be successful someday."

Monfett led the offensive outburst against Wagner with four goals and an assist as the Hounds raced to their first win of the season. Koppens and Leonard put in two goals each as the Hounds outshot the Seahawks 46-21.

Loyola jumped out to an early lead, winning 6-7 first quarter faceoffs and picking up 21 groundballs to Wagner's six, when Koppens dodged for his third goal of the season and then assisted to Kennedy to give the Hounds a 2-0 lead. Monfett, Koppens and senior midfielder John Halip would all score to give the Greyhounds a 5-1 lead after the first quarter, and they never looked back.

"We were able to play everybody against Wagner," Dirrigl said. "But the difference between Wagner and St. John's is that we got to 13, and we've got to start priding ourselves on getting to 13, 14 goals every game."

Over spring break, the Hounds suffered a difficult pair of close losses against top-quality opponents.

On March 12, Loyola traveled to Durham, N.C., to take on the third-ranked Blue Devils and their explosive offense led by freshman midfielder Zack Greer, who has scored 24 goals through seven games to lead the

nation, sophomore attackman Matt Danowski, and sophomore midfielder Peter Lamade.

The Hounds got off to a good start, controlling the tempo early, but after they failed to convert on an extra-man opportunity, Greer tallied a goal to give the Devils a 1-0 lead. Senior midfielder Craig Georgalas knotted the game at one, but Fretwell's seven first half saves weren't enough to keep the Devils from taking a 3-1 lead at the end of one period.

A scoreless second quarter gave way to a Duke goal just 50 seconds into the third quarter, but Koppens answered with a dunk shot to make it 4-2 with 9:40 remaining in the third. Duke would push their lead to 6-2 to start the fourth, but two quick goals, first by Monfett, who transferred from Duke before the 2004 season, and then another by Landry put the Hounds within striking distance.

Duke keeper Aaron Fenton kept Loyola at bay until Jordan Rabidou beat him low with 41 seconds left. Loyola won the subsequent faceoff, but Fenton made a save on Richards' shot to seal the win and keep the Blue Devils undefeated at 6-0.

March 5 saw the Greyhounds travel to Penn State to open up ECAC play against the Nittany Lions. While the Hounds offensive output was again sparked by Monfett's four goals, it wasn't enough to keep up with the Lions' John Eremus's five, as Penn State won 16-14.

The Hounds will now prepare for a pair of ECAC matchups as they host the Massachusetts Minutemen on Saturday and then travel to Rutgers on April 2.

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Loyola looks to rebound at James Madison

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Even though the Hounds kept up to pace with the No. 2 team in the country, it was the minor mistakes that cost them.

"With a team like Princeton, any mistake they can convert it into a goal," O'Day said. "We just need to limit a few more of our mistakes, and I think we are there."

Loyola looked to come back strong from two disappointing losses when they headed to No. 19 Delaware. With fewer errors, taking advantage of important draw controls and crucial ground balls, the Hounds found their way back on track, topping the Blue Hens with a 10-8 victory.

"We always try and focus on draw controls a lot," O'Day said.

The previous two games fell heavily on possession of the ball, and the Hounds hoped to avoid a repeat of their performance against Hofstra, in which they lost 22 of 33 draw controls.

McHarg chipped in with another solid performance scoring twice in the first six minutes and later Filippelli and Kenny added to the total giving Loyola a 4-1 lead at halftime.

After a back and forth start to the second half, Loyola's Chrissy Nicolaus scored to put the Hounds up by five. Delaware fought back, however, cutting the lead to three, 8-5. Again, Greene and McHarg provided Loyola's response as they put in two goals to take the 10-5 lead and never looked back. Though Delaware would rally for three goals late, the margin was secure and brought Loyola back to .500 on the season.

Next up was No. 11 Hofstra. The Hounds came out very weak, falling behind by five

goals only 13 minutes into the contest. Loyola chipped back though, with goals by McHarg, Filippelli and Stone, making it a 6-5 deficit. Stone's free-position goal was the first of her collegiate career and gave the Hounds a spark to make a comeback in the second half. After another goal from Hofstra's offense before the half, Loyola found themselves down 7-5.

The second half started off quickly with an unassisted goal from McHarg, capping a hat-trick for the sophomore. After 10 minutes of scoreless play, the Pride got another goal to go back up by two, but Greene and Filippelli would answer back, with Filippelli's equalizer giving her another Loyola hat-trick with a little over one minute remaining. With 12 seconds left, Hofstra's Becky Thorn was fed the ball and capitalized to seal the game winner, 9-8.

"The first 10 minutes of that game probably lost us that game," O'Day added. "You have to play 60 minutes, it's not good enough to play just 50 minutes, and it showed."

On March 4 the Greyhounds faced their first nationally ranked team, No. 8 North Carolina on Geppi-Aikens Field. The Tar Heels came out strong, scoring within the first nine minutes of the match, but by the 16th minute the score was tied at two with Greene netting back-to-back goals. Shuck put the Hounds back up by two with a pair of goals, but the Tar Heels clawed back to tie the score at half, 4-4.

The second half looked promising for the Hounds with a 3-0 goal run in just over five minutes by way of goals from Kenny, Shuck, and another by Kenny, giving them a 7-4

lead at the 35:16 mark. UNC responded with a strong run of their own and by holding Loyola scoreless for 20 minutes. The Heels netted four goals to take a one-goal lead with just over three minutes remaining before Filippelli netted a goal to bring the score to 8-8. UNC's Meg Freshwater scored the go-ahead goal by crashing the cage hard to give the Heels the dramatic win.

"We weren't expecting them to attack the goal cage," O'Day said. "It was unsettled. We thought they were going to set up a play."

The Greyhounds are now 2-4 and travel to rival James Madison on Friday and they look to get back to their winning ways this week.

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Flynn out to spoil more good walks in 2005

Judging by the tube tops and near 50 degree temperature on our beautiful campus, it is easy to see that spring might actually come after all. And with spring

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4TH AND TWENTY

comes sun and fun. People are starting to play Frisbee and throw the baseball around.

And soon enough it will be time for my new favorite activity in this fine city: going down to watch the home team lose at Camden Yards and seeing angry O's fans make their way down the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to watch the Nationals after Slammin' Sammy Sosa goes 0-5 with three k's.

And who doesn't love watching Stanley Cup playoff hockey ... err ... I mean March Madness?

But spring is really about the millions like me who start migrating back to the golf courses to play with our overpriced equipment, living with proper edict of a gentleman: to enjoy the torture/love of golf.

Nothing beats dusting off the clubs and finding a local driving range to knock the rust off the golf game. Courses are starting to open, and hackers are jumping into carts all over the area to get their first whiffs of the season in. Ask any golfer if there is anything more satisfying and frustrating than the first 18 of the year -- clubs slammed back into the bag, the look of distaste and pain on faces, the profanity geared toward the 12 or so golf balls that have ended up in the man-made pond in front of the green.

But during the round that generally starts with a "1," there is that one drive on 16 or 17 which makes you take back all those words

of quitting this game for good. Something that taps into your brain like your addiction to the "I Love the 80s/90s/70s/Last Week" shows on VH1.

It seems like every winter I forget how much I love/hate golf. I got a quick reminder last week in Florida as I went from birdying No. 7 to hitting three straight drives onto the Sunshine State's congested Route 50.

I got into golf when I was younger because I realized that most of the time I was just playing against myself, and I figured that was the best way I could win something. But after a couple of years, I realized that playing against me was harder than expected and found myself lost in a cycle of beating myself and getting confused about who won.

Golf is a weasel like that. When a golfer plays well, he says to himself, "Jeez that was easy; I should be able to do that every time." Then tomorrow comes and the six missed putts, three shanked drives, and four blown wedge shots start to add up. Golf is a wicked mistress, always asking for something more and pissed off for what you did yesterday.

This vicious cycle continues and gets worse and worse as you become better, only because you can expect more from yourself. While many correctly attribute inconsistency to a lack of practice, most trouble spots in one's game come from mental mistakes, especially an inability to remain focused.

Many of you who read this column regularly are probably thinking that since I may not be the sharpest scalpel in the hospital that I don't have the mental power for this game. And to an extent you are right. It's that whole "mental toughness" thing my football coach talked about for the fourth quarter of games. That was easy for me (though my high school football coach might not agree), since I just had to continue to block and tackle, simple things for a



PATRICK SCHNEIDER/CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

Drives this pure are a rarity in March at public golf courses across the country, but by August players will be hitting holes in one.

simple mind. But golf is a whole new mental monster that one has to battle.

The battlehorn blares when you are standing over a tee shot, and you're completely focused on the shot, and a little voice in your head comes out of nowhere and says "Remember last hole when you hit it in the water? Well how about I speed up that swing and see if we can skip it across the pond."

And, of course, this voice never lies. The swing speeds up and your ball goes 50 feet to the right and square into the water, which leads to an expletive or the always popular hat slam or most likely both. Where that voice lives and why it only comes out on certain holes, I don't know, but those of you who are not the golfing type probably do not understand this beast.

Of course, having a clear mind is the best way to defeat this demon. I could see a Forrest Gump type thriving on this game, memorizing his swing and having a good caddie telling him where to putt.

For the rest of us that battle this demon, either on a regular basis or just once in a while, I have a solution: blame the elements. You might be saying to yourself that is a

rather cowardly way out of this problem, but everyone's doing it, so it must be okay. Sometimes for your own mental health it is okay to blame those "choppy fairways" or "those slow greens." Take it out on the weather too. "The wind took that slice" or "if the wind was the same as it was a couple holes ago, that shot would be in the middle of the green."

Personally, I now direct my blame on the design of the course. "If that Robert Trent Jones fellow wasn't such an idiot he wouldn't have made the fairway narrow where I always hit the ball. Does he think we are all Ben Hogan?"

So next time you hit a putt five feet past the hole, say to your playing partner, "Those idiot greenskeepers cut the [expletive removed so my parents don't get mad at me] green again. Are they trying to ruin this course?"

This Easter break, do yourself a favor and hit the links. And make sure you check the weather report, because it's always important to know that the wind is blowing out of the east southeast at 11.5 knots otherwise why else did you end up in three sand traps in four holes?

Basketball plus March equals m-a-d-n-e-s-s

As the Christmas carol sung by Andy Williams goes, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." No, not St. Patrick's Day or Easter, but better: the Mecca of all sports months. It's March Madness, baby. And it

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OFFSIDES

may be too late now, but I feel that it is my duty to give you all the "ins" and "outs" of how to fill out the NCAA men's basketball tournament bracket. Call it a little 101 lesson in the school of bracketology.

Watching grown men frantically figuring out what 12-seed will beat what five-seed is a sight to see. The camaraderie of office places becomes a battlefield, and the idea of receptionists correctly picking their favorite mascots' teams to win aches aficionados to the bone. Having Ms. "I Like That Team Because Their School Colors Are Cute" beating me, Mr. "But That Team's Bench Is Weak And They Have No Transition Offense" is just absurd.

One reason is that no men's basketball teams' colors are "cute" and should never be considered so. Two, this person has no understanding of the difference between a blocking foul and buzzer beater, so how could she have possibly known that the navy and yellow West Virginia Mountaineers were going to beat the black and yellow Wake Forest Demon Deacons. Lastly, when it comes to college basketball, I never lose. Maybe that is why I love this time of year so much, because it gives me a

little reality check of how flimsy and unpredictable the sport is.

So this is for all you readers out there that would fall under the "amateur" ranking of the college basketball brackets. If you don't know what your ranking is, here's the break down:

Guru. Watched over 60 hours of college basketball this year and understand that UW-Milwaukee obviously was going to beat Alabama and that Illinois has history going against them to win the title. This person can put Dicky V to shame with predictions but still understand and respect that he makes thousands of dollars doing that, while we only hope to win a couple bucks from a friend's pool.

Next is **Professional**. This person has watched their college ball and understands that upsets happen. Their knowledge of the game and team's history has significance in their picks. These pros know a few of those interesting facts of the tourney and use them to their advantage.

Rookie. These are the people who are well-rounded in sports and can use their sports sixth senses (every good fan has one) and predict some certain wins.

Lastly, there are the **Amateurs**. These are the people who have no idea why the four regions of the tourney are cities, and think that a brick is just a carpentry material. This person didn't know Vermont had a basketball team, or that they had two of the best scorers in the country right now (damn shame). This amateur doesn't know how to say Krzyzewski or how many points a free throw is worth (this is where you are).

So, amateurs, here is what you must do to have a successful men's college

basketball bracket. I will break it down for you in four simple steps:

Step One: Do your research. By that, I do not mean figure out how tall the No. 1 seed's point guard is. I mean, look at rankings, schedules, records, history and coaching. Here's a freebie, no No. 16 has ever beaten a No. 1 seed. That's a basic two-plus-two equation, but you have to crawl before you walk, folks. By researching teams, you will be able to make an educated guess, rather than a shot in the dark.

Step Two: Understand why people love this tournament. It is called March Madness for a reason: because it's deliciously impulsive and intoxicatingly erratic. Helpful hint #2: No Final Four has had all four No. 1 seeds in it. So don't think that just because they are ranked No. 1, they truly are the best four teams.

This tourney has upsets; it's a given. So try and pick the ones that will happen. Most often a 12-seed will beat a five-seed, and that is the history that comes with this month. Multiple memorable games and plays that make up "The Madness," but you have to really think like a mad-person to handle it. Can you say Valparaiso '98? So understand that there are Cinderellas (a.k.a. "underdogs" or "small-named schools beating big-named schools"). Cinderellas in the past have been UAB, Tulsa, Gonzaga and also Valpo. So who is going to be this year's team to wear the glass slipper? That answer lies on the next step.

Step Three: Never underestimate and never doubt yourself. I have fallen victim to not listening to my own rules this year unfortunately. I gave my picks to my "Amateur" sisters and told them, "Stay true

to home and northern New England and pick Vermont." I knew they were a great team, and I knew they would win, but if the eraser marks on that 13-four matchup doesn't show you enough, I picked Syracuse to beat those Catamounts.

Now I am kicking myself, and I just hope that New Hampshire's spooning partner Vermont will let me go home again. So learn from my mistake folks; never underestimate the lower seeds, and always stay true to your gut feeling.

Step Four: Have a strong and tournament-ready Final Four and national champion. This is the last but most important one. Do not fall for the titles of "best team in the country" or analysts' simple picks. Pick a team, after your first three steps are completed, that is offensively strong, defensively solid and won't crack.

Teams may have the first two qualities, but the pressure of March Madness is incredible. If you pick a team that falters under pressure, you won't find yourself being a happy camper on April 4. Along with those three factors, add in the team's experience in the tournament, the coaching staff and how deep their bench is, and then you will have the equivalent of E=mc² for a winning tournament pool.

Follow these simple rules, and you will be set on your way to a wonderful March while your other "amateur" buddies are weeping like the upcoming April rain.

But in the end, no matter who wins, no matter the amount of money won in the bracket pools, and no matter how many courts get stormed this month, this truly is "the most wonderful time of the year." Thanks Andy.

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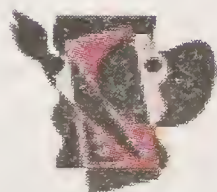
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